

49 & 51 High Street

For many years no.49 was Macadam's grocer's shop. It is now a charity shop.



Door to 51 + Shop @ 49 High St. (c.1905 ?)

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1788** No.49 – Feu charter granted by James Murray to John Roy, tailor in Twynholm and Agnes Dixon, his wife. (feu duty 2s.p.a.)
- 1794** No.51 – Feu charter granted by James Murray in favour of John McWilliam.
- 1797** No.49 – Passed to James Roy, son of John Roy.
- 1812** No.51 – Purchased by Thomas Wright, tanner, and immediately resold to William Neilson.
- 1830** No.49 – John Roy mortgaged the property to John McClure. Mortgage passed to James Campbell, Meikle Ross.
- 1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory :** James Roy was an innkeeper & vintner at the Black Swan in Front Street.

1841 census (Front Street 107 to 110)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
McCulloch	John			m	32	cotton spinner	England
McCulloch	Margaret			f	33		Kirkcudbrightshire
McCulloch	Elizabeth			f	10		Kirkcudbrightshire
McCulloch	Mary			f	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
McCulloch	Margaret			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
McLashen	Agnes			f	65	washer woman	Kirkcudbrightshire
Peters	Thomas			m	50	horse breaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Peters	Janet			f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
Peters	Martha			f	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Peters	Mary			f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Peters	Charles			m	7m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cunningham	Eliza			f	15	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Ray	Isabella			f	45	spirit retailer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Ray	Janet			f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire

Ray	William	m	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
Ray	Margaret	f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Simson	Janet	f	14	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire

In 1841 Richard Mundell, bank agent, was in household 111. Mundell had been using property in Gatehouse to carry out his banking business for quite some time before the Western Bank bought 47 High Street in 1846. If we assume Mundell lived at no.47, then there are 4 families to occupy 4 properties between 47 and 39 High Street, at the corner of Digby Street, and there are 12 families occupying 5 properties to no.57, which is at the corner of Victoria Street. It is of course possible that one or more of these families shared no.47 with Mundell. We have tried to allocate families evenly, which means we could have allocated some families to property adjacent to their actual home.

It is clear that Isabella, Janet & Margaret Ray are recorded as having surname Roy in 1851. Isabella could have been the wife (or sister) of John Roy who mortgaged the property in 1830.

1851 census High Street N17

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Marshall	Isabella Roy	head	m	f	54	proprietrix of house	Kbts, Twynholm
Roy	Janet	dau.	s	f	23	dressmaker	Kbts, Girthon
Roy	Margaret	dau.		f	12	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Nelson	Anna	head	s	f	68	ret'd dressmaker	Kbts, Girthon
McConnell	Peter	head	s	m	72	parish pauper	Ireland
Cassidy	James	head	m	m	30	hand loom cotton weaver	Ireland
Cassidy	Mary	wife	m	f	29		Ireland
Cassidy	Rosanna	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
Cassidy	John	son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon
Heron	Elizabeth	head	s	f	38	farm & house labourer	Kbts, Girthon
Irving	William	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Sharp	William	lodger	s	m	18	farm labourer	Kbts, Girthon
Anderson	James	head	m	m	46	watchman cotton factory	Ireland
Anderson	Maria	wife	m	f	45		Ireland
Anderson	Mary	dau.	s	f	21	cotton factory worker	Ireland
Anderson	Theresa	dau.	s	f	16	cotton factory worker	Ireland
Anderson	James	son		m	14	scholar	Ireland
Wilson	Margaret	head	w	f	75	parish pauper	Fife, Cupar
Beach	Elizabeth	visitor		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

All of the people above, including 7 heads of families, are recorded as living in the same building. Maybe Mrs Marshall (or Roy) administered both 49 & 51 High Street as a single property.

1852 Slater's Directory : James Roy was an innkeeper & vintner at the Black Swan in Front Street.

1859 Valuation Roll : A shop, house & garden owned by William Roy (from London) was occupied by John Martin, watchmaker. Another small property owned by William Roy was rented for under £4/year. Mrs Isabella Roy administered both properties. *There is a suggestion that Isabella may have been William's wife, but this is not confirmed.*

1861 census High Street N22

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Roy	Isabella	head	w	f	65	supported by property	Kbts, Twynholm
Roy	Janet	dau	s	f	29	supported by property	Kbts, Girthon

Given that there seem to have been a number of families renting property from Mrs Roy in 1851, and that she is "supported by property" in 1861, there could be other families living here but this is not clear from the census itself.

1861 No.51 – Passed from William Neilson to his nephew William Neilson who lived in Quebec, Canada.

1862 No.51 – Purchased by James Macadam, grocer.

1865 No.49 – Sold to David Macadam, grocer, for £180. The property passed down through the Macadam family. The last members of the family to own the shop were Kenneth McKenzie, formerly police sergeant at Whithorn and his wife Dorothy, who ran the shop from 1953 to 1971.

We have seen a reference to the building that became Macadam's grocery shop having previously been the Black Swan, at which Gildy Milroy had been landlord.

1871 census High Street N14

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Macadam	David	head	m	m	61	councillor & grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Grace	wife	m	f	48		Kbts, Balmaghie
Macadam	David	son		m	15	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	James	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Elizabeth	dau.		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Robert H	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	James	brother	s	m	71	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse

N.B. The Macadam family are related to Tar-Macadam, the inventor of the tarmac method of road surfacing.

1878 Valuation Roll : David McAdam owned a house, shop, offices & garden. He was described as a grocer from High Street. The property was occupied by James & David McAdam, grocers.

1881 census High Street N14

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Macadam	David	head	m	m	71	merchant grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Macadam	Grace	wife	m	f	56		Kbts, Balmaghie
Macadam	James	son	s	m	19	assistant grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Macadam	Elizabeth	dau	s	f	17		Kbts, Girthon
Macadam	Robert H	son		m	15	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Macadam	James	brother	s	m	81	retired grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Allan	Robert	lodger	s	m	25	riding officer of inland revenue	England

1884 Valuation Roll : James McAdam owned a house, shop, offices & garden. He was described as a grocer from High Street, and he was the named occupant of the property.

1891 census High Street N14

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Macadam	James	head	m	m	30	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Maggie Maxwell	wife	m	f	30		Kbts, Minnigaff
Macadam	David	son	s	m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Nathan Murray	son	s	m	4	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Robert Hiddlestone	son	s	m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
Smith	Maggie	servant	s	f	16	general servant dom.	Wigtown, Penninghame

1901 census High Street 13

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Macadam	James	head	m	m	40	shopkeeper grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Margaret	wife	m	f	40		Kbts, Minnigaff
Macadam	David	son		m	16	bankers apprentice	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	Nathan	son		m	14	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	George	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	James E	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

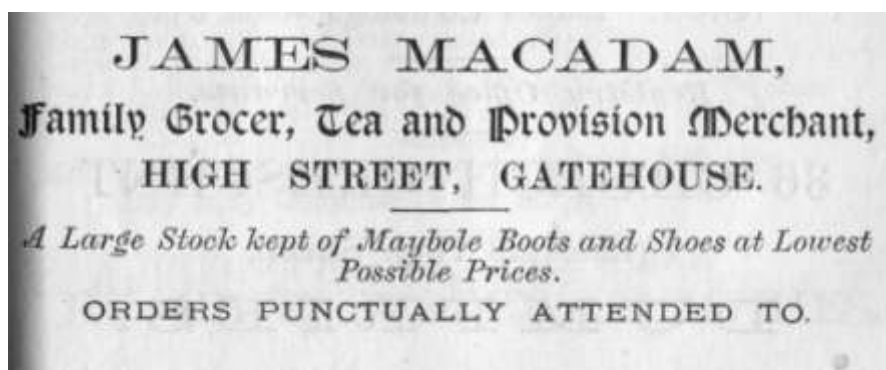
1911 census High Street

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Macadam	James	head	m	m	50	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Macadam	James Ewart	son	s	m	18	bank clerk	Kbts, Gatehouse

Bruce	James	visitor	m	m	73	retired joiner	Wigtown, Stranraer
Bruce	Georgina	visitor	m	f	62		Kbts, Minnigaff

- 1912 Valuation Roll :** James Macadam owned a house & offices and a shop in High Street. He was a grocer and he was the named occupant of both properties.
- 1916** No.49 – Passed to David Macadam jnr (presumably the son of David Macadam who bought the property in 1865)
- 1916** Nos.49 & 51 – Passed to Nathan Murray Macadam for £450. The grocer’s business continued. *Nos. 49 & 51 remained in single ownership for the remainder of the 20th century.*
- 1920 Valuation Roll :** Nathan M Macadam owned a house & offices and a shop in High Street. He was a grocer and he was the named occupant of both properties. He also owned another house in High Street that was occupied by Ann Wall, widow.
- 1920-1 Valuation Roll :** W H Macadam was a grocer in High Street
- 1924-7 Valuation Roll :** N H Macadam was a grocer in High Street. Tel. No.9
- 1930 Valuation Roll :** Nathan M Macadam owned a house & offices and a shop in High Street. He was a grocer and he was the named occupant of both properties. He also owned another house in High Street that was occupied by Annie Henderson Wall, widow. Nathan also owned 10 properties at Neilson Square in Ann Street.
- 1940 Valuation Roll :** Nathan M MacAdam owned a house & offices and a shop in High Street. He was a grocer and he was the named occupant of both properties. He also owned another house in High Street that was occupied by Jane Bell, spinster. Nathan no longer owned property in Neilson Square.
- 1953** Purchased by Kenneth Mackenzie, then Sergeant of Police at Whithorn, and his wife Dorothy, for £500. Mr & Mrs Mackenzie continued the grocery business until 1971.
- 1989** Sold by the executors of the Mackenzie estate to Mr and Mrs T Orms.
- 1995** Sold to Mr and Mrs William McKie.
The former shop premises at 49 were used as the office of Peter Martineau, Galloway Land and Property Service Ltd.
- 2003** The shop premises became a charity shop.
- 2006** Sale of shop, as charity shop, to YMCA, Gatehouse.

20th Century Shop Advert



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