

59 & 61 High Street – Co-op & Post Office



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◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

59 High Street

- 1788** Feu to Alexander Gordon, carter at Gatehouse. Property passed to Jean Thomson, spouse of William McMonnies, merchant, Gatehouse.
- 1809** Samuel Menzies inherited from his father William McMonnies.
- 1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory :** William Menzies was a linen & woollen draper in Front Street.
Charles Kennedy was a surgeon in Front Street.
- 1840** Property passed to William Menzies, merchant, Gatehouse.

1841 census (Front Street 99)

<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>
Kennedy	John			m	45	tailor	Scotland
Kennedy	Sarah			f	40		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	James			m	16		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	Mary			f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	Smith			m	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	Elijah			m	8		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	Thomas			m	6		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	John			m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kennedy	Jane			f	8m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Stothart	Margaret			f	32	dressmaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Scott	James			m	30	machine maker	England

1851 census (High Street N13)

<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>
Menzies	William	head	s	m	60	draper	Dumfries, Dumfries
Menzies	Mary	sister	s	f	50		Kbts, Girthon
Jolly	Janet	servant	s	f	21	house serv.	Kbts, Twynholm

Kennedy Charles lodger s m 59 surgeon (not practising) Dumfries, Dryfesdale

1852 Slater's Directory : William Menzies was a linen & woollen draper in High Street.
Charles Kennedy was a surgeon in High Street.

1859 Valuation Roll : William Menzies, draper from Gatehouse, owned and occupied a house, shop & garden.

1861 census (High Street N27)

<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>
Menzies	William	head	s	m	70	draper	Dumfries, Dumfries
Menzies	Mary	sister	s	f	60	housekeeper	Kbts, Girthon
Dalrymple	Agness	servant	s	f	23	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon

1871 census (High Street N10)

<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>
Menzies	William	head	s	m	80	draper	Dumfries, Dumfries
Menzies	Mary	sister	s	f	70		Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Agnes	servant	s	f	31		Kbts, Gatehouse

1877 Sold by Mary Menzies to Alexander Stewart Campbell and William Black Campbell, blacksmiths in Gatehouse.

1878 Valuation Roll : Mrs Jane Campbell owned and occupied a house & garden in High Street.

1881 census (High Street N18)

<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>
Stewart	Janet	head	w	f	61	grocer	Kbts, Rerrick
Murray	Agnes	head	w	f	44		Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Candlish	Elizabeth	sister	s	f	41	<i>{lunatic}</i>	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Garroway	Thomas	uncle	s	m	86	ex tailor <i>{blind}</i>	Kbts, Girthon
Procter	George	lodger	s	m	22	bobbin turner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Wilson	Elsbeth	wife	m	f	27	seaman's wife	Lanark, Glasgow
Wilson	James	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Wilson	Christina	dau		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Wilson	Maggie J	dau		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
Wilson	Elizabeth	dau		f	1		Kbts, Girthon

Mrs Jane Campbell lived at High Street property N15. The above families are in property N18 which is 2 properties away from the Old Counting House. We need to double check these references.

1884 Valuation Roll : Alexander Stewart Campbell & William Black Campbell owned a house & garden in High Street that was occupied by Hugh Campbell, blacksmith.

1891 census (High Street N10)

<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>
Campbell	Alexander	head	m	m	48	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Mary	wife	m	f	42		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Jane	dau.	s	f	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Alexander	son	s	m	4	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Telfer	Jane	m-in-law	w	f	73	living on private means	Kbts, Girthon

1901 census (High Street 17)

<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>
Campbell	Alexander S	head	wr	m	58	blacksmith	Kbts, Anwoth
Campbell	Jean	dau.	s	f	21		Kbts, Girthon
Campbell	Alexander S	son	s	m	14	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

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>
Walker	Roger	head	m	m	71	bobbin manufacturer	England
Walker	Jessie	wife	m	f	54		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Walker	Roger	son	s	m	26	bobbin turner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Walker	George	son	s	m	24	bobbin turner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Walker	Jessie Roam	dau.	s	f	21		Kbts, Gatehouse

1912 Valuation Roll : Alexander Stewart Campbell & William Black Campbell owned a house & garden in High Street that was occupied by Roger Walker, wood merchant.

1945 Jessie Dykes Campbell and Edith Campbell or Clelland sold the property to Dumfries and Maxwelltown Co-operative Society.

1963 Sold to Mr and Mrs Parkhill, owners of 61.

61 High Street

1788 Feu to William McKinnell, mason.

1794 McKinnell registered his ownership.

1816 Bought by John McWhae, baker for £300 with consent of Agnes Tarence, his wife.

1816 Bond to Alexander Brown of Drumshangan for £260.

1833 Bond inherited by his son Patrick Brown and passed to Mary McNish.

1834 Ownership of Trustees of John McWhae.

1836 Trustees, John McLure, James Kirkpatrick and James Campbell for the creditors of John McWhae repaid Mary McNish

1841 census (Front Street 96-98)

<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>
Campbell	William			m	89	shepherd	Kirkcudbrightshire
Campbell	Margaret			f	70		Kirkcudbrightshire
Campbell	John			m	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Calquhoon	Thomas			m	3m		Kirkcudbrightshire

unoccupied

McCad Jane f 45 independent Kirkcudbrightshire

Skelly Catherine f 20 female servant Scotland

1847 Sold to Henry Heywood, Throstle Nest Mills, Blackburn

1851 census (High Street N12) : [This property seems to have been unoccupied at the time of the 1851 census.](#)

1854 Sold to Alexander McClusky, Bendigo, Australia

1859 Valuation Roll : James McKenzie McCluskie of New Orleans owned a property described as a house & garden (part), that was occupied by Robert Brown, tinsmith. [We have Robert Brown in 51 High Street in the 1861 census \(N23\).](#)

1861 census (High Street N23)

<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>
Brown	Robert	head	m	m	46	tinsmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Agnes	wife	m	f	42		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Brown	Elizabeth	dau		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	John	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Jessie	dau		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

Brown	Jane	dau		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Robert	son		m	4m		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGowan	Isabella	dau-in-l		f	14	servant <i>{prob. step-daughter}</i>	Kbts, Kelton
Brown	Elizabeth	mother	w	f	66	ex domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dunlop	Margaret	head	w	f	81	pauper ex dom. serv.	Dumfries, Torthorwald
Heron	Elizabeth	head	s	f	48	washerwoman	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

Robert Brown is widowed by 1871. He is living at 12-14 High Street (south side) and his occupation is 'gas fitter'.

1871 census (High Street N09)

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Thornton	John	head	m	m	76	ex cotton weaver	Kbts, Girthon
Thornton	Margaret	wife	m	f	64		Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Mitchell	Alexander	head	m	m	30	baker	Kbts, Lochrutton
Mitchell	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	28		Kbts, Castle Douglas
Hillies	James	bro-in-l	s	m	16		Kbts, Castle Douglas
Brierty	Isabella	servant	s	f	15	general servant dom.	Kbts, Urr
Candlish	Agnes F	head	w	f	75		Kbts, Girthon
Candlish	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	31		Kbts, Kirkmichael
Garroway	Thomas	brother	s	m	75	pauper (blind since young)	Kbts, Girthon
Laurie	Anthony	head	m	m	54	butcher	Wigtown, Penninghame
Laurie	Agnes	wife	m	f	53		Wigtown, Mochrum

1874 Sold by heirs of Alexander McClusky to James McTaggart, shoemaker, Gatehouse

1878 Valuation Roll : James McTaggart owned 3 houses & 2 gardens in High Street which we have identified as nos 24 to 28 (which are on the south side of High Street). He occupied no.24, and Miss Barbara Dalziel, dressmaker, occupied no.28. *There is no obvious reference to him owning property on the north side of the street.*

1881 census (High Street N19) *We believe that James McTaggart was a 72 year-old shoemaker living at 24 High Street.*

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Thompson	Margaret	head	w	f	75		Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Thompson	James	g-son		m	9	scholar	England

1884 Valuation Roll : A house in High Street that was owned by James McTaggart was occupied by Mrs Janet Aitkinson, grocer.

1887 Passed from James McTaggart to Andrew Petrie, baker in Gatehouse and wife Elizabeth Campbell McTaggart or Petrie.

1891 census (High Street N09)

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Halliday	Elizabeth	head	w	f	61	grocer	Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham
Halliday	Robert	son	s	m	12	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Halliday	John	son	s	m	11	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Halliday	Mary Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	9	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Fell	Wilson	boarder	wr	m	60	basket maker	England, Lancashire

1901 census (High Street 18)

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Halliday	Elizabeth	head	w	f	48	shopkeeper grocer	Kbts, K'patrick Durham
Halliday	John	son	s	m	21	tailor journeyman	Kbts, Anwoth
Halliday	Mary	dau.	s	f	18		Kbts, Anwoth

There are clearly some transcription errors associated with Elizabeth Halliday's age in 1891, 1901 & 1911.

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>
Halliday	Elizabeth	head	w	f	61	grocer	Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham
Halliday	John	son	s	m	30	tailor	Kbts, Anwoth
Halliday	Mary	dau.	s	f	27		Kbts, Anwoth
Elmslie	Alexander	boarder	s	m	28	electric engineer	Aberdeen, Port Elphinstone

1912 Valuation Roll : Eliza. Halliday, widowed grocer, lived in a house and shop in High Street that was owned by Andrew Petrie, baker.

1917 Inherited by Betty Petrie who married Alexander Gray, caterer, 21 High Street

1920 Valuation Roll : Betty Kathleen Petrie, minor (per Samuel McT Petrie, High Street), owned in a house in High Street that was occupied by Samuel Hood, farmer.

1930 Valuation Roll : Betty Kathleen Petrie, minor (per Samuel McT Petrie, High Street), owned in a house in High Street that was occupied by Samuel B Hood, farmer.

1946 Sold to William Stewart, contractor.

1949 Sold to Mrs E Murray Usher

1952 Sold to James Gibson Parkhill, sub postmaster.

59 & 61 High Street

1973 Sold to Baxter family. Maisonette at 2 Victoria Street and above 59 sold to Mrs Constable

1991 Remaining property sold to Galloway Country Style

2003 Property sold, and post office moved to Fleetvale (72 High St.).

20th Century Shop Adverts

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