

## 6 High Street



This property has been owned by drapers and a grocer as well as being a residential building. The slightly higher lintel over the right hand window probably indicates that this could have been a shop window.

We have been told that the owner of 6 High Street found a blocked up window adjacent to 4 High Street, which would have looked out in a broadly easterly direction. of Ann Street. *This suggests that no.4 might not have been the full depth that it is today (or that it did not exist and was not planned when no.6 was built)*

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1766** Part of feu to Samuel Ramsay, wright, Creetown. *[this included what is now 2 to 10 High Street].*  
**1768** Sold to Michael McTaggart, Wigtown.  
**1803** Passed to John McTaggart who sold to Jenny or Janet Moffat or Selkirk widow of John Selkirk, innkeeper, Gatehouse in life rent, and then Agnes Selkirk or Watson, spouse of James Watson, surgeon, Gatehouse.

**1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory :** Jas. Watson was a surgeon & druggist who lived on Front Street.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory :** James Watson was a surgeon who lived on Front Street.

#### 1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 2 Front Street 7

<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>
Watson	James			m	55	surgeon	Scotland
Watson	Isabella			f	18		Kirkcudbrightshire
Watson	Mary			f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire

*James Watson, surgeon, is mentioned in the deeds reference of 1803.*

#### 1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 9 High Street (South) 25

<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>
Darling	Thomas	head	m	m	42	writer to the signet	Midlothian, Edinburgh

Darling	Charlotte	wife	m	f	41		Lanark, Dalserf
Darling	Mary	dau.	s	f	15		Midlothian, Edinburgh
Darling	Charlotte	dau.	s	f	13		Midlothian, Edinburgh
Darling	Isabella	dau.		f	11		New South Wales
Darling	Frances	dau.		f	9		New South Wales
Darling	Grace	dau.		f	5		New South Wales
Darling	Frederic	son		m	2		Dumfries, Torthorwald
Darling	infant	son		m	1m		Kbts, Girthon

*This entry was the penultimate one for High Street south (heading east), and may refer to 6 High Street*

**1852 Slater's Directory :** Thomas Darling was a writer who lived on High Street.

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street South 02**

<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>
McGeoch	Margaret	head	s	f	60	draper	Kbts, Girthon
McGeoch	Catherine	sister	s	f	56	draper	Kbts, Girthon
McGeoch	Menzies	sister	s	f	52	draper	Kbts, Girthon
McGeoch	Susan	sister	s	f	48	draper	Kbts, Girthon

*The McGeoch family are identified as neighbours to the Hornsby family of 2-4 High St. per 1861 Census.*

**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Pages 5 & 6 High Street (S) 03**

<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>
Fergusson	John	head	m	m	27	draper	Ayr, Ballantrae
Fergusson	Emily	wife	m	f	25		Kbts, Gatehouse
Fergusson	Annie M	dau.		f	1m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Fergusson	David	brother	s	m	19	apprentice draper	Ayr, Colmonell
Sproat	Catherine	servant	s	f	19	general servant	Kbts, Girthon

*The Fergusson family are identified as neighbours to the Wylie family of 2-4 High St. per 1871 Census.*

**1880** New charter given to James McGuffog and Isabella Watson or McGuigan. This property was 29 ft 6 inches along the street. At this time the property was rented by Mary Kay, grocer. Later sold to James McKean, joiner, Gatehouse

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (South) 02**

<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>
McKay	Mary	head	s	f	40	grocer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Smith	William	boarder	wr	m	80	retired millwright	Kbts, Kirkmabreck

*Mary McKay, grocer, is mentioned as tenant per 1880 deeds note.*

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 4 High Street (S) 2**

<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>
McKay	Mary	head	s	f	50	Grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	Jane	sister	s	f	46		Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	William	head	m	m	33	Mason	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Amelia	wife	m	f	34		England
Dalrymple	William A	son		m	8	Scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Stanley P	son		m	6	Scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Albert M	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Robert L	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

*It looks like 2 families lived at No.6 in 1891.*

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 15 High Street 50 & 51**

<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>
McKay	Mary	head	s	f	60	shopkeeper grocer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McKay	Jane	sister	s	f	55		Kbts, Gatehouse
Ferguson	Frances	head	w	f	54		Kbts, Gatehouse

Dean	Lennie	dau.	f	23	Wigtown, Wigtown
Dean	Fergus	g-son	m	2	Cape Colony

*Mary McKay, grocer, previously lived at No.6 and would have been there in 1901, probably sharing the house with Frances Ferguson. George Stark lived at 18/20. Elizabeth Cairns and Andrew Henderson were heads of families who lived between no.6 and no.18 High St. (maybe 8/10 & 12/14, with 16 being unoccupied).*

**1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 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>
McKean	James	head	m	m	69	retired farmer	Kbts, Girthon
McKean	Agnes	wife	m	f	66		Kbts, Dalry
Hay	Mary	servant	s	f	17	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Girthon

*N.B. this must be the correct James & Agnes McKean, but 1880 deeds note says James is a joiner.*

**1912-3 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McKean, retired farmer, owned and occupied a house in High Street.

**1916** Passed to Agnes Faulds or McKean  
**1922** Sold by Mary Faulds McKean or Martin to Grace Fergusson, residing at Culreoch  
**1945** Sold by Grace Fergusson to Edith Clelland  
**1946** Sold to Herbert Nicol, bank accountant, Gatehouse  
**1950** Sold by Herbert Nicol, bank accountant, to Andrew Crosbie  
**1966** Sold by trustees of Andrew Crosbie, retired bank manager to Thomas Veitch Farmer, Low Creoch  
**2006** Sold.

[For Sale notice 11<sup>th</sup> November 1944](#)



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