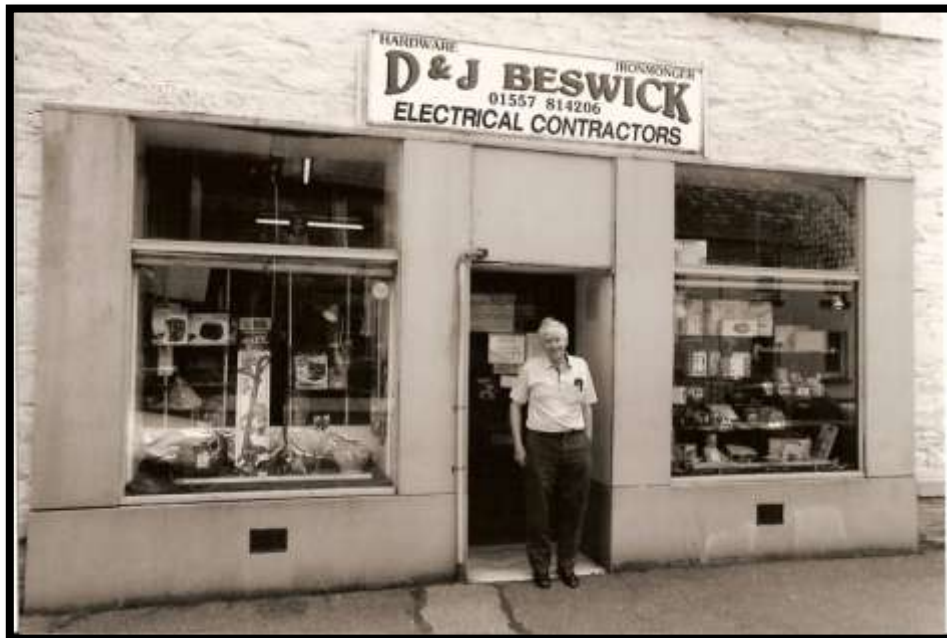


8 & 10 High Street : ex Ironmonger



McMurray Bros. at 8-10 High Street before and after the integrated shop front was added.



Picture of David Beswick taken about 2000

There is a stone building in the back garden which may have been used to store gunpowder or other explosives. We believe that there is evidence that nails may have been made there.

There was a petrol pump outside the shop pend entrance.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1766** Part of feu to Samuel Ramsay, wright, Creetown. *[this included what is now 2 to 10 High Street].*
- 1812** Sold by Samuel Carson, labourer to James Hanning baker
- 1827** Ownership recorded of Mrs Agnes Haining or Bain, daughter of James Hanning. It appears that at this time sheds which stood on the site were pulled down and a new house built.
- 1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory :** There are 2 entries for James Bain of Front Street. He was both a ship owner and a smith.
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1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory : There are 2 entries for Jas. Bain of Front Street. He was both a grocer & ironmonger and a smith.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 2 **Front Street 8**

<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>
Bain	James			m	43	ironmonger	Scotland
Bain	Agness			f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
Bain	Isabella			f	12		Kirkcudbrightshire
Bain	Jannet			f	10		Kirkcudbrightshire
Garroway	Jane			f	40	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire

Agnes Bain would have been about 21 at the time of the 1827 deeds entry.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 9 **High Street (South) 24**

<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>
Bain	James	head	m	m	55	ironmonger & grocer	Wigtown, Sorbie
Bain	Jessie	dau.	s	f	20		Kbts, Girthon
McMinn	Jane	servant	s	f	29	house servant	Kbts, Borgue
Kinnel	Jessie	servant		f	15	house servant	Kbts, Girthon

Agnes must have been away overnight as James is not a widower. There is documentation which states that James Bayne was also a spirit dealer.

1852 Slater's Directory : James Bain of Front Street was a smith.

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : Mrs. Agnes Bain owned 2 properties. One was a house & garden (part) and the other was a house & backhouse (part). The house & garden was occupied by John Thomson, teacher whilst Agnes Bain occupied the house & backhouse.

The 1861 census entry confirms that John Thomson, teacher, was a son-in-law of Agnes Bain.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 **High Street South 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>
Thomson	John	head	m	m	38	parochial school master, registrar	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Thomson	Jessie	wife	m	f	32		Kbts, Gatehouse
Bain	Agnes	m-in-law	w	f	58		Kbts, Gatehouse
Henry	Hamilton	servant	s	f	15	domestic servant	Kbts, Kirkmabreck

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 **High Street (S) 04**

<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>
Bain	Agnes	head	w	f	67	annuitant	Kbts, Gatehouse
Thomson	Jessie	dau.	m	f	39	lodger	Kbts, Gatehouse

1879 New charter to Mrs Jessie Bain or Thomson and James Ramage Kirkpatrick

1879 Sold to James Stark, watchmaker and ironmonger in Gatehouse for £475

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 **High Street (South) 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>
Stark	James	head	m	m	38	watchmaker & ironmonger	Lanark, Glasgow
Stark	Catherine	wife	m	f	29		Aberdeen, Millbrex
Stark	Mary S J H	dau		f	1		Kbts, Girthon

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 4 **High Street (S) 3**

<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>
Stark	Katherine	head	w	f	39	watchmaker, jeweller, ironmonger	Aberdeen, Millbrex
Stark	Karine Bell D	dau.		f	14	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	Mary Susan	dau.		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Hunter	Maggie Spence	niece	s	f	20	sub-matron unemployed	Aberdeen, Millbrex
Ewen	Edward	nephew	s	m	22	watchmaker, ironmonger	Aberdeen, Methlick

McInanllay	Harriet Jane	servant	s	f	16	general servant dom.	Kbts, Anwoth
Ewen	James Stark	nephew	s	m	16	watchmaker, ironmonger apprentice	Aberdeen, Methlick
McLean	William	head	m	m	50	shoemaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Mary	wife	m	f	42		Kbts, Castle Douglas
Downie	David	visitor	s	m	24	theological student	Lanark, Glasgow

James Stark must have died, as Katherine is a widow. There were 2 families sharing this building.

1892 Property passed to widow of James Stark.

Scotlands People marriage

Year	Surname (M)	Forename (M)	Surname (F)	Forename (F)	District	City/County/MR	GROS Data
1897	OKEY	MONTAGUE C	STARK	KATHERINE	ST GEORGE	EDINBURGH CITY / MIDLOTHIAN	685/01 0236

Katherine Stark re-married and may have left Gatehouse to live in Edinburgh. But she retained ownership of this property until 1912 (ex deeds notes).

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

<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

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 High Street

Gardiner	Margaret	head	w	f	72	private means	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Gardiner	Mary W	dau.	s	f	35	private means	Kbts, Girthon

The order of families in the 1911 census suggests that the McKeanes at no.8&10 were neighbours to the Gardiners.

1912 Sold by Mrs Katherine Spence or Stark now Okey, widow of James Stark to George and Wellwood McMurray for £475

1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory : McMurray Bros. were watchmakers, ironmongers etc at 5 High Street. Tel No. 6.

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This must be a printing error. McMurray Bros. shop was definitely 8-10 High Street.

1951 George and Wellwood McMurray sold the property to Miss Sarah Thompson McMurray for £3000

1958 Mrs Sarah Thompson McMurray or Veitch sold the property to Mrs Thomson or Kerr, Brooklyn, Twynholm

1968 Property passed to Mrs Telfer.

1978 Sold by Mrs Telfer to David and Joan Beswick

2001 Sold by David Beswick.

20th Century adverts for 8-10 High Street

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Great China.	Porcel, Oils, etc.	

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Gatehouse

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