

12 & 14 High Street : ex Shoemaker & Butcher



No.12 is a house entrance, 14 is the butchers shop (probably taken in 1976)

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1767** Feu to Robert Richardson, shoemaker. For nearly 200 years the property was owned by families who were shoe makers.
- 1768** Ownership of Robert Richardson recorded with life rent to his wife Grizel McNish.
- 1828** Property passed to Sarah Richardson, daughter of Robert Richardson, sometime shoemaker, thereafter, steward officer, residing in Gatehouse.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 2 Front Street 9, 10 & 11

<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>
Richardson	Sarah			f	50		Kirkcudbrightshire
Heron	Jane			f	36	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Clinton	Ann			f	80		Kirkcudbrightshire
Clinton	Margaret			f	30		Kirkcudbrightshire
Carson	Mary			f	54	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
DaZiell	Agness			f	54	grocer & spirit dealer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Wilson	Agness			f	30		Kirkcudbrightshire

Sarah Richardson owned the property per 1828 deeds record. Agness Dalziell may have occupied the shop premises on the ground floor of no.14, whilst the Clintons may have occupied the upper rooms of no.14. The Front Street 10 & 11 families could have lived at no.16 High Street, but the above seems more probable.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 9 High Street (South) 23

<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>
Richardson	Sarah	head	s	f	60	keeps lodgers	Kbts, Girthon
Templeton	Margaret	lodger	s	f	16	dressmaker app.	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Templeton	Jane	lodger	s	f	16	dressmaker app.	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Clacherty	Jane	head	w	f	65	parochial relief (ex charwoman)	Kbts, Girthon

1851 Sarah Richardson sold the property to Andrew McLean.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street South 09

<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>
McLean	William	head	m	m	78	retired bootmaker	England
McLean	Jane	wife	m	f	65		Wigtown, Glasserton
McLean	Andrew	son	s	m	38	boot maker emp. 9 men + 4 boys	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Georgina	dau	s	f	32		Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	William	son	s	m	29	boot maker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Elizabeth	dau	s	f	22		Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Margaret	dau	s	f	19		Kbts, Gatehouse

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 05

<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>
McLean	Jane	head	w	f	72		Wigtown, Glasserton
McLean	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	32		Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Margaret	dau.	s	f	29		Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	William	son	s	m	39	shoemaker	Kbts, Gatehouse

N.B. Andrew McLean was married by 1871 and he had moved to live at Mile End. His family still lived at 12 High Street.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (South) 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>
McLean	William	head	m	m	49	shoemaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLean	Mary	wife	m	f	33		Kbts, Castle Douglas

N.B. William had married Mary, and his mother and sisters were no longer living in High Street.

1884-5 Girthon Valuation Roll : Andrew McLean, shoemaker owned a shop & warehouse and a house & garden, both in High Street. He also ran the shop, whereas William McLean, shoemaker, occupied the house.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 15 High Street 49

<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>
Henderson	Andrew	head	m	m	31	shopkeeper grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Jemima	wife	m	f	28		Kbts, Kells
Henderson	Jessie T	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Leonora W	dau.		f	8m		Kbts, Gatehouse

Andrew Henderson's family and Elizabeth Cairns each lived in property between Mary McKay (at no.6) and George M Stark (at nos. 18/20). We have assumed that the Hendersons lived at 128&14.

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 High Street

McConnel	William	head	m	m	40	solicitor	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McConnel	Mary	wife	m	f	35		Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McConnel	Margaret Birrell	dau.	s	f	4		Kbts, Girthon
Trainor	Jeannie Kennedy	servant	s	f	16	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Girthon

The order of families in the 1911 census suggests that the Starks at nos.16&18 were neighbours of the McConnells.

The deeds seem to indicate that Andrew & Isabella McLean owned 12 High Street until 1920, but the 1912-13 Valuation Roll includes no-one with surname McLean or MacLean owning a property in High Street.

1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory : Wm. McConnel was a solicitor in High Street. Tel. No.11

1920 Isabella McLean, widow of Andrew McLean, boot and shoe maker, left the property to her niece Margaret Gourlay, daughter of Andrew Gourlay, watchmaker Stranraer.

1920 Sold to James Johnston for £420.

1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory : James Johnstone was a boot, shoe & clog maker in High Street.

1924-7 Stewartry P.O. Directory : Jas. Riddick was a shoemaker in High Street. (N.B. his home was in Swan St.)

- 1944** Sold by James Johnston, boot and shoe maker to James Riddick, boot and shoemaker, Burnfoot, Borge.
- 1962** Sold to Christina Crosbie, wife of William Crosbie, butcher.
- 1974** Sold to Thomas Thomas, Dumfries.
- 1983** Sold to Samuel and Arlene Henderson.
- 2002** Sold.

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