

16 High Street



Nos. 16, 18 & 20 High Street

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1767** Part of the feu to Robert Richardson, shoe maker.
1778 Sold to Francis Barlo and made over to his mother Margaret McGowan.
1800 Sold by Francis Barlo to William Cowan.
1807 Sold to John McWilliam manufacturer in Gatehouse, partner in Scott's Mill.
1812 Sold by John McWilliam, sometime manufacturer in Gatehouse, now in Belfast to Sarah Douglas widow of John Bell in Laggan Mullen and her daughter Mary Bell, wife of James McMicken, merchant, Gatehouse.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 2 Front Street 12 & 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>
McKinnall	John			m	30	shoemaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
McKinnall	Leonora			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKinnaII	Jessie			f	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKinnaII	Agness			f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKinnaII	Mary			f	1m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Hornsby	Anna			f	15		Kirkcudbrightshire
Carnochan	Eliza			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Blyth	Jane			f	5		Kirkcudbrightshire

We have assumed that the above families occupied no.16 High Street simply because of the order in which they occurred in the 1841 census records

- 1848** Passed to Thomas McMicken, sometime merchant, Glasgow, now Stirling - heir of Mary Bell and James McMicken, farmer High Creoch, Gatehouse.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 9 High Street (south) 22

<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>
McKinnell	John	head	m	m	39	shoemaker	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	Leonora	wife	m	f	35		Wigtown, Wigtown
McKinnell	William	brother	s	m	30	shoemaker j'man	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	Agnes	dau.	s	f	13	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	Mary Anne	dau.	s	f	9	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	James	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	Euphemia	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnell	John	son		m	3		Kbts, Girthon

1851 Girthon Census - John & Agnes McHaffie (*occupiers per 1859-60 Valuation Roll*) lived on the N side of Catherine St.

1852 Slater's Directory : John McKinnall was a Boot & Shoemaker.

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : Miss Mary Bell McMicken (minor) - per James McMicken, Croach – owned a house & garden which was occupied by John McHaffie, merchant.

The above Mary Bell McMicken was a minor, so must be a daughter of Mary Bell & James McMicken., Mary Bell inherited the property from Thomas McMicken, who was presumably a relative (deeds note 1848).

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 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>
McHaffie	John	head	m	m	58	grocer	Kbts, Anwoth
McHaffie	Agnes	wife	m	f	58		Kbts, Borgue

1871 Girthon Census – Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 06

<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	wr	m	57	gas fitter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Jane	dau.		f	13		Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Robert	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Jane	boarder		f	5		Kbts, Rerrick
Thomas	William	boarder		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGowan	Agnes	servant	s	f	29	domestic servant	Kbts, Anwoth
McGowan	Walter	boarder		m	8m		Kbts, Colvend

N.B. Robert Brown identified from 1878-79 Valuation Roll, living in property owned by Mary Bell McMiken.

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll : Miss Mary Bell McMiken, High Croch, owned a house & garden in High Street which was occupied by Robert Broen, tinsmith.

1881 Girthon Census – Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (South) 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>
Brown	Robert	head	wr	m	70	tinsmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Thomas	son		m	14	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Brown	Walter	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Colvend
Brown	Henry	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGowan	Agnes	step-dau	s	f	39	housekeeper	Kbts, Gatehouse

1884-5 Girthon Valuation Roll : No Brown

1891 Girthon Census – The property appears to have been unoccupied in 1891. **High Street (South) 04**

1901 Girthon Census – Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street 48

<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>
Cairns	Elizabeth	head	s	f	65	no occupation	Kbts, Girthon

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 Miss Cairns lived at 8&10.

1911 Girthon Census : The property appears to have been unoccupied in 1911. It is possible that it was used solely as a shop, with no-one permanently living there.

1935 Robert Little Tait, painter.

1953 New charter from Mrs E Murray Usher to Evelyn Tait or Crosbie.

It appears that Robert Tait and family owned this property (16 High Street) but lived at 24 High Street in the 1891, 1901 & 1911 Censuses.

When Robert acquired 16 High St. in 1935 he would have been about 75.

24 High St. passed to Robert's son Thomas Tait in 1953 when Thomas would have been about 63.

Evelyn would have been about 58 when she acquired the new charter for 16 High St. in 1953.

1966 Passed to Elizabeth Glass and Sheila Stark.

1989 Sold.

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