

18 & 20 High Street : Chemist



Apothecaries Hall



Stark Chemist



This building is now owned by Boots the Chemist.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1767 Feu to William Inglis, merchant in Gatehouse. Original feu was 70 ft along street.

1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory : Thos. McCaa (*transcribed McCan*) of Front Street ran a Tavern & Public House.

1833 Inherited by Margaret Inglis widow of Andrew Stewart, mason, Gatehouse and Robert McCaa, son of Thomas McCaa, innkeeper, Gatehouse and Elizabeth Inglis, heirs of William Inglis their father and grandfather.

1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory : Peter Murray was a 'skinner' in Front Street. (*he occupied this building per 1841 census*).

1838 Inherited by Jean McCaa sister of Robert McCaa.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 3 High Street (South) 14 & 15

<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>
Edgar	Thomas			m	50	male servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Edgar	Euphamia			f	44	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Inglis	Margaret			f	80		Kirkcudbrightshire
Murray	Peter			m	40	skinner	Kirkcudbrightshire

Murray	Jane	f	40	sewer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Murray	John	m	8		Kirkcudbrightshire

Above families allocated to 18 & 20 High Street simply because of the order in which they appeared in the 1841 census.

1843 Sold to Robert Martin Murdoch, merchant, Gatehouse.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Pages 6 & 7 High Street (South) 14

<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>
Murdoch	Robert	head	m	m	38	master bootmaker emp.3	Kbts, Girthon
Murdoch	Elisabeth	wife	m	f	32		Kbts, Dalry
Murdoch	Elisabeth	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Dalry
Murdoch	Mary	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Dalry
Beach	John	servant	s	m	16	bootmaker app.	Kbts, Anwoth
McLauchlan	Agnes	head	s	f	76	receives parochial relief	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	Margaret	head	w	f	42	house keeper	Wigtown, Kirkcowan
Whan	William	son	s	m	20	wood cutter	Wigtown, Kirkcowan
Whan	Elisabeth	dau.	s	f	17		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Whan	Jean	dau.	s	f	11	scholar	Kbts, Buittle
Whan	Samuel	son	s	m	9	scholar	Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	Margaret	dau.	s	f	7	scholar	Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	James	son	s	m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	George	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Samuel	head	m	m	73	receives parochial relief	Kbts, Borgue
Brown	Jane	wife	m	f	47	dressmaker	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

1852 Trustees of Robert Martin Murdoch.

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 08

<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>
Hall	John	head	s	m	42	chemist & druggist employing 2	Lanark, Glasgow
Stewart	Jean	boarder	w	f	76		Kbts, Girthon
Corlett (or Sayers)	Elenor	servant	w	f	64	domestic servant	Isle of Man, Kirk German

1873 New charter to James Hall, chemist - has continued as chemist's shop since then.
{N.B. was this a mis-transcription ? Should be John Hall}

1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll : John Hall, druggist, owned and occupied a house, garden & shop in High Street.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 & 6 High Street (South) 06 & 07

<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>
Hall	John	head	m	m	52	chemist & druggist	Lanark, Glasgow
Hall	Margaret G	wife	m	f	33		Inverness, Uist
Hall	Donald G	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Hall	Isabella	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Clark	Isabella	servant	s	f	35	general servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (S) 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>
Sayers	Elinor	head	w	f	84		Isle of Man, Peel
Clark	Isabella	dau.	s	f	46	living on private means	Kbts, Girthon

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 14 High Street 47

Stark	George M	head	m	m	36	shopkeeper chemist & druggist	Kbts, Anwoth
Stark	Jessie	wife	m	f	36		Kbts, Creetown

Stark	Jessie G	dau.		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Agnes	servant	s	f	14	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Dalbeattie

1908 Sold by Trustees of John Hall to G M Stark, chemist

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>
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 (domestic)	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	George M	head	m	m	46	pharmacist	Kbts, Anwoth
Stark	Jessie	wife	m	f	46		Kbts, Creetown
Stark	Jessie Vernon	dau.	s	f	12	school	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	Ralph Sydney	son	s	m	9	school	Kbts, Girthon
Harvey	Isabella Walker	servant	s	f	19	general servant (domestic)	Kbts, Creetown
Caig	Robert	head	m	m	29	hairdresser	Kbts, Gatehouse
Caig	Georgina Isabella	wife	m	f	45		Aberdeen, Kinnethmont
Caig	Isabella Georgina Mary	dau.	s	f	7	school	Glasgow, Partick
Caig	Dorothy Arnott Janet	dau.	s	f	5	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Gaw	Martha	Visitor	s	f	15	general servant (dom.)	Wigtown, Stranraer

1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory : Geo. M Stark was a chemist in High Street

1970 Executors of Jessie Stark or Edwards sold to James L McCrindle and spouse

1989 Sold to Michael Ridgway.

Mr and Mrs Gilpin owned the property for a while.

20th Century adverts for Starks the Chemist

c.1935

c.1973

c.1978