

## 24, 26 & 28 High Street



The picture on the left (from an old PC) clearly shows 3 doorways under the canopy (these were nos. 24, 26 & 28). The photos of Galloway Lodge below show only 1 door, whilst the above photo taken in 2013 of the conversion back to residential property has 2 doors (for 24 & 26 High Street). 28 High St. no longer exists.



Fiona Hesketh outside Galloway Lodge Preserves



Galloway Lodge c.2000

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1767 Feu charter to William McClure, labourer at Cally.
- 1824 Ownership recorded of William McClure, farmer, Wester Parkgate of Kirkmichael, son of William McClure.
- 1824 McClure borrowed from William Gordon.
- 1831 McClure borrowed from James Seaton Wightman of Courance.
- 1837 Sold by James Wightman of Courance to James McTaggart, shoemaker.

1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory : James McTaggart was a boot & shoemaker in Front Street.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Pages 3 & 4 Front Street 17, 18 & 19

<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>
McTaggart	Isabella			f	30	shoemaker	England
McTaggart	Eliza			f	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
McTaggart	James			m	4		Kirkcudbrightshire

McTaggart	Margaret	f	2			Kirkcudbrightshire
Bell	William	m	31	baker		Kirkcudbrightshire
Bell	Mary	f	24			Kirkcudbrightshire
Bell	Margaret	f	2m			Kirkcudbrightshire
Wallace	William	m	20	tinsmith		Scotland
Wallace	Margaret	f	19			Kirkcudbrightshire
Wallace	Samuel	m	22			Scotland
Miller	Margaret	f	60			Scotland

*Presumably the McTaggarts are the family of James McTaggart. We have assumed that the other families occupy the same building (we know that the next family listed in the 1841 census, the Thomsons lived at no.30 High St.).*

**1851 Girthon Census** - No James or Isabella McTaggart in Girthon in 1851.

**1852 Slater's Directory :** James McTaggart was a shopkeeper & grocer in High Street.

*James McTaggart was probably a shoemaker, so this is a strange reference to him being a shopkeeper & grocer.*

**1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McTaggart was a merchant who owned and occupied a house & garden (part) and also other property with rent < £4 p.a.

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street South 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>
McTaggart	James	head	m	m	52	merchant (shoe)	Kbts, Gatehouse
McTaggart	Grace	wife	m	f	46		Edinburgh, Edinburgh
Linton	Jane	step-dau		f	12	scholar	Dumfries, Lockerbie

*James McTaggart married Grace Morton (or Parkinson) in Girthon on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.1853. Grace was probably previously married with daughter Jane Linton.*

**1868** Loan on property passed to Andrew Hyslop.

*26 year-old Andrew Hyslop & family were living in Digby Street in 1871 (Cross St.09)*

**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 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>
McTaggart	James	head	m	m	63	boot & shoe maker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McTaggart	Grace	wife	m	f	56		Dumfries, Dumfries

**1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McTaggart was a merchant who owned 2 houses & gardens and another house in High Street (*could have been 24, 26 & 28*). He occupied one of the houses with a garden and Miss Barbara Dalziel, dressmaker occupied the other. There is no specified occupier of the house which had no garden.

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (South) 09, 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>
McTaggart	James	head	m	m	72	shoemaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McTaggart	Grace	wife	m	f	66		Dumfries, Dumfries
McTaggart	Jean	dau-in-l	m	f	32	sailor's wife	Dumfries, Lockerbie
McTaggart	James	g-son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McTaggart	Charles C	g-son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McTaggart	Thomas L	g-son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Sayers	Helen	head	w	f	76	staymaker	Isle of Man
Glendinning	Henrietta	head	m	f	31	dressmaker	Kbts, Anwoth
Glendinning	James	son		m	5	scholar	Midlothian, Edinburgh

**1884-5 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McTaggart was a merchant who owned 3 houses & gardens in High Street (*could have been 24, 26 & 28*). He occupied one of the houses with a garden and Mrs Harriet Glendinning, dressmaker occupied another. There is no specified occupier of the other house (*as the rental was <£4 p.a.*).

**1890** Sold to William Barron, teacher, Gatehouse.

*In 1881 & 1891, William Barron, teacher from Inverness was lodging with Elizabeth Cairns on the north side of High St.*

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (S) 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>
Tait	Robert L	head	m	m	31	painter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Elizabeth A	wife	m	f	28		England
Tait	John James	son		m	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Thomas H	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

**1892:** Sold by executors of William Barron to Elizabeth Hannah James or Tait.

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 14 High Street 45**

<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>
Tait	Robert L	head	m	m	41	house painter, shopkeeper	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Elizabeth A	wife	m	f	38		England
Tait	John J	son		m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Thomas H	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Evelyn S	dau.		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1905** Passed from Elizabeth Hannah James or Tait to Robert Tait.

**1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 & 4 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>
Tait	Robert Little	head	m	m	51	painter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Elizabeth Hannah	wife	m	f	47		England
Tait	Thomas Henry	son	s	m	21	painter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Tait	Evelyn Stewart	dau.	s	f	16		Kbts, Gatehouse

**1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** Robt. Little Tait was a painter & decorator in High Street. *(no.24)*

**1924-7 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** Robt. Little Tait was a painter & decorator in High Street. *(no.24)*

**1924-7 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** A Marcellino was a hairdresser in High Street. *(no.28 ?)*

**1944 3<sup>rd</sup> June Galloway News :** Oonah (née Tait) & Andy McKeller lived at 26 High Street.

**1953** Passed from executors of Robert L Tait to Thomas H Tait.

**1974** Nigel Hesketh acquired the property.

*It must have been around this time that the 3 houses were converted into 1 shop.*

**2003** Passed from executors of Nigel Hesketh to Christian Hesketh.

**2009** Sold and converted into two houses.



*Photo left :*

**The Tait family.**

Standing :

Thomas, Evelyn & Jack

Seated :

Robert & Elizabeth

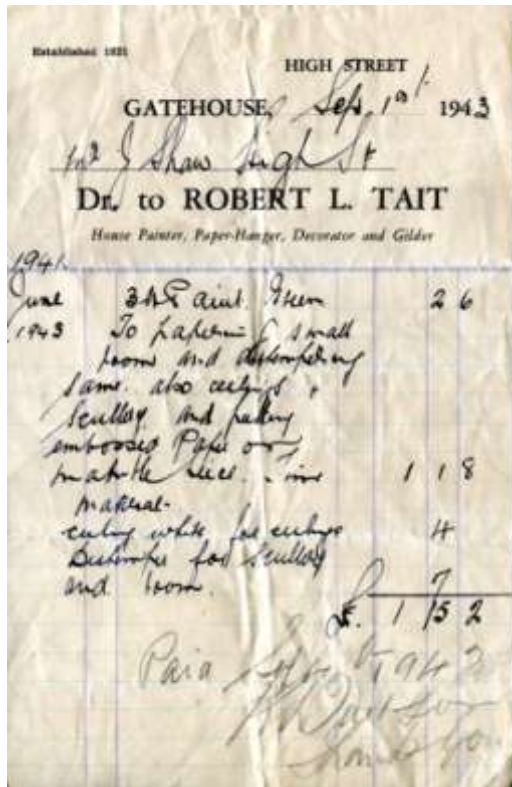
Lived at 26 High St.

*Photo right :*

**Alf Marcellino**, barber.

Worked at 28 High St.





Scan left :  
Robert Tait invoice to J Shaw for painting carried out in June 1943.

20<sup>th</sup> Century adverts for Galloway Lodge

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