

32 High Street



◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1771** Part of feu of John Stodhart, blacksmith in Gatehouse.
1787 Sold to James McKune, vintner and Martha Russell his spouse in life rent.
1792 Sold to James McCredie and Margaret Ronaldson, his wife.

1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory : James Credie was a nurseryman & seedsman who had a business in Front Street.
David Credie was a ship owner

1829 David Credie, nurseryman owns the property.

1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory : David Credie was a nurseryman & seedsman who had a business in Front Street.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 4 [Front Street 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>
Dun	George			m	37	public schoolmaster	Scotland
Dun	Agness			f	37		Scotland
Dun	Agness			f	14		Scotland
Dun	Helen			f	12		Scotland
Dun	Georgina			f	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
Dun	Orr			m	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
Dun	Marion			f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Dun	Edmund			m	5m		Kirkcudbrightshire

This family were next to the Thomsons of 30 High St. per the 1841 census. They probably came to Gatehouse shortly before Georgina was born.

1850 Offered for sale by creditors of late David Credie.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Pages 7 & 8. High Street South 15 & 16

<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>
Kelly	Jane	head	w	f	73	ret'd farmer's widow	Kbts, Minnigaff
Kelly	James	son	s	m	29	cabinet maker emp.3	Wigtown, Penninghame
Campbell	William	head	m	m	42	baker (ex sgt. 93rd Highlanders)	Kbts, Creetown
Campbell	Isabella	wife	m	f	34		Caithness, Wick
Campbell	Joseph	son		m	13	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Campbell	William	son		m	6	scholar	Canada, Montreal
Campbell	Robert	son		m	5	scholar	Canada, Quebec
Campbell	Alexander	son		m	2		Midlothian, Edinburgh
Campbell	infant	son		m	1m		Kbts, Girthon
Andrews	John	boarder	s	m	25	free school teacher	Caithness, Bower
Brown	Caleb	servant	s	m	16	baker app.	Kbts, Girthon
Donaldson	Jean	servant	s	f	21	house serv.	Kbts, Borgue

1852 Slater's Directory : James Kelly was a joiner & cabinetmaker with a business on High Street

1859 Valuation Roll : John Comline, grocer, owned and occupied a house & garden in High Street.

N.B. Valuation Roll implies John Comline owned this property by 1859-60, but deeds indicate that he purchased it in 1863.

1861 Girthon Census : The Comline family lived in Digby St. (aka Cross St.) : see 1863 deeds note.

1863 Ownership recorded of Jane Anderson Martin or McMinn, widow of Charles McMinn, writer, Gatehouse (trustee for the creditors of David Credie). *N.B. In 1851 Census, Charles & Jane McMinn lived in Victoria St. (aka Bankhead St.)*

1863 Sold to John Comline, grocer.

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street (S) 10b

<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>
Comline	John	head	m	m	41	grocer	Kbts, Kelton
Comline	Jessie J	wife	m	f	37		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	John	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Mary	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
Christie	Ann	m-in-law	w	f	76		Kbts, Balmaclellan
McGowan	James	servant		m	16	apprentice grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Maltman	Wilhelmina	servant	s	f	36	domestic servant	Kbts, Tongland

N.B. In the original census, the enumerator had listed the occupants of 30 High Street (Harper family) and the above Comline family as being different families in the same building. Closer inspection, however, shows that on the right of the page is a reference to the number of rooms in each building that have windows. There are separate entries in this column for the Harpers and the Comlines. We therefore conclude that a change of building had not been properly recorded at the left side of the page.

Marriage record ex ScotlandsPeople

Year	Surname (M)	Forename (M)	Surname (F)	Forename (F)	District	City/County/MR	GROS Data
1860	COMLINE	JOHN	CHRISTIE	JESSIE J	GIRTHON	/KIRKCUDBRIGHT	866/00 0001

N.B. 1871 Census referred to Jessie I Comline, whereas 1881 has Jessie T – this marriage record suggests that Jessie J is correct.

1878 Valuation Roll : John Comline, grocer, owned and occupied a house & garden, and also a store, in High Street.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street (South) 15

Comline	John	head	m	m	51	grocer	Kbts, Kelton
Comline	Jessie J	wife	m	f	47		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	John	son	s	m	20		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Mary	dau		f	13	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Jessie	dau		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Harper	Margaret	servant	s	f	18	general servant	Kbts, Girthon

1884 Valuation Roll : John Comline, grocer, owned and occupied a house & garden in High Street.

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 [High Street \(S\) 11](#)

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Comline	John	head	m	m	61	grocer	Kbts, Kelton
Comline	Jessie T	wife	m	f	57		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	John	son	s	m	30		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Mary	dau.	s	f	23	grocer assistant	Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Jessie	dau.	s	f	18		Kbts, Girthon
Haugh	Mary Jane	servant	s	f	16	domestic servant	Kbts, Anwoth

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 13 [High Street 42](#)

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Comline	John	head	m	m	71	shopkeeper grocer	Kbts, Kelton
Comline	Jessie	wife	m	f	67		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Mary	dau.	s	f	33		Kbts, Girthon
Comline	Jessie	dau.	s	f	28	grocers assistant	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Maggie J	servant	s	f	15	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Girthon

1903 Building managed by the Trustee of late John Comline. (*Could trustee have been Mary Comline ?*)

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 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>
Comline	Mary	Head	s	f	43	retired grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Comline	Jessie	dau.sis	s	f	38	retired grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGarva	Martha	servant	s	f	15	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Minigaff

1924-7 Stewartry P.O. Directory Wm. M'Connel, solicitor, had an office in High Street (Tel. No. 11).

19xx Margaret Birrell McConnel or Craig owned the property.

1989 Passed from trustee of Margaret Birrell McConnel or Craig to new owners