

## 34 & 36 High Street : ex Butcher, now Hairdresser & Guest House



*HairNV is no.34, Bobbin Guest House is no. 36*

*Both buildings would have originally been in single ownership.*

*HairNV now occupies the ground floor of no.34 High Street. The hairdressers has previously been used as a butchers shop, run by the McMichael and the Cochrane families. The Bobbin Guest House includes the remainder of nos.34 & 36 including all of the garden. It is not clear for how long this property split has been in its current form.*

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

**1771** Feu charter to Alexander Lillie, joiner at Gatehouse.

**1794** Sold to James Davitts, tanner in Gatehouse.

**1819** John McWilliam inherited from James Davitts, tanner, his grandfather.

**1825-6 Pigot & Co.Directory :** James Murdoch was a boot & shoemaker in Front Street.

**1832** Sold by John McWilliam to John Murdoch, shoemaker, Gatehouse.

**1835** Passed to Elizabeth Murdoch.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co.Directory :** Robert Murdoch was a boot & shoemaker in Front Street.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co.Directory :** Andrew Finlay was a watchmaker in Front Street. *See 1841 census.*

**1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 4** Front Street 23 & 24

<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>
Finlay	Andrew			m	30	watchmaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Denniston	Nicholas			f	64	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire

*The 1841 census for High St. starts with family 'Front Street 6' who lived at 2 High St. The enumerator then listed families in sequence until the above families who probably lived at 34/36 High St, before he crossed over the road and headed back east along High Street. After Digby Street and Catherine Street, he then continued west along High St from the Well Entry (no.38, family 'Front Street 47') to Fleetvale before crossing the road again to Laurelbank and heading east back up to Digby St.*

**1846** Inherited by James Murdoch, shoemaker in Annan.

**1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 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

**1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :** No reference to anyone with surname Murdoch who either owned or occupied a property in High Street.

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 8 High Street South 12**

<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>
McMichael	John	head	m	m	52	flesher	Kbts, Minnigaff
McMichael	Janet C	wife	m	f	47		Kbts, Anwoth
McMichael	Elizabeth	dau	s	f	24		Kbts, Anwoth
McMichael	George	son	s	m	19		Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	William	son		m	14	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Hugh M J	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	James	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKinnel	Mary Anne	servant	s	f	19	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon

**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street (S) 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>
McMichael	Jessie	head	w	f	57	flesher	Kbts, Anwoth
McMichael	Mary J	dau.	s	f	20		Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Hugh M J	son	s	m	18	bank clerk	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	James	son		m	16		Kbts, Girthon
Blain	John	g-son		m	7	visitor	Lancashire, Liverpool

**1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mrs Barbara Gordon of Burnyard, Borgue owned a house & garden in High St. where the tenants were George & James McMichael, fleshers.

*The above reference is the only one to anyone named McMichael, but there is no reference to a shop.*

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street (South) 16**

McMichael	Jessie	head	w	f	68	butcher	Kbts, Anwoth
McMichael	James	son	s	m	26	butcher	Kbts, Gatehouse
Gordon	Elizabeth	servant	s	f	19	general servant	Kbts, Parton

**1884-5 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mrs Barbara Gordon of Burnyard, Borgue owned a house & garden in High St. where the tenants were George & James McMichael, fleshers.

*Again there is no reference to a shop.*

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 12**

<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>
McMichael	James	head	m	m	36	butcher	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Margaret L	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Buittle
McMichael	Janet L	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
Smith	Margaret	servant	s	f	19	general servant dom.	Kbts, Dalbeattie

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 13 High Street 41**

<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>
McMichael	James	head	m	m	46	shopkeeper flesher	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Margaret L	wife	m	f	37		Kbts, Buittle
McMichael	Janet L	dau.		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Mary J	dau.		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	James C	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Hugh I J	son		m	9m		Kbts, Girthon
McGarva	Sarah	servant		f	16	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Borgue

**1904** Passed from John Gordon, junior, carpenter, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia apparent heir of deceased Rev John Gordon, Twynholm to Barbara Houston or Gordon. John Gordon was the eldest son of John Gordon who was the eldest son of Rev John Gordon. Barbara Houston or Gordon was his mother.

*N.B. Valuation Rolls indicate that Barbara Gordon owned this property from at least 1878.*

**1905** Sold by Barbara Houston or Gordon to James McMichael, flesher, for £245.

**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>
McMichael	James	Head	m	m	56	butcher	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Margaret L	Wife	m	f	47		Kbts, Buittle
McMichael	Janet L	dau.	s	f	21		Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Mary Jane	dau.	s	f	18		Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Hugh I H	Son	s	m	10	school	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	John	Son	s	m	6	school	Kbts, Girthon

**1912-3 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McMichael, flesher, owned and occupied a house in High Street.

*N.B. Valuation Rolls for 1878-79, 1884-85 & 1912-13 all suggest that "the house" was in single occupancy by the McMichaels*

**1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** James McMichael was a butcher in High Street.

**1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** James McMichael was a retired butcher in High Street.

**1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** D C Cochrane was a flesher in High Street. *May have lived in Fleet Street but had a shop in High Street.*

**1932** Sold by trustees of James McMichael to David Cochrane.

**1954** Sold by David Cochrane to Dumfries and Maxwelltown co-operative Society. David Cochrane had to 'exercise the maximum care' when the pend between his house and 38 High Street was being used 'for the purpose of droving cattle' to his slaughter house at the end of his property.

**1964** Sold by Dumfries and Maxwelltown Co-operative Society to Basil Blakey and spouse.

**1979** Sold by Dr Zbigniew Golen and Winifred Golen to Ian David Kerr

**1984** Shop and back shop sold by Zbigniew and Winifred Golen to Josephine McCreath.

**1985** Rest of Property, sold by Ian and Janet Kerr to Janet Ayrton, Swan Cottage, Gatehouse.

**1986** The Bobbin Guest House sold to Hugh and Margaret Bostock

**1988** Sold to Peter and Susan Hunter.

**1996** Sold to Stephen and Frances Green.

**2007** Sold.



## **The McMical Family**

### Standing (L to R) :

Janet L (b.1889), Hugh I (b.1900),  
James C (b.1894), Mary J (b.1892).

### Seated (L to R) :

James (b.1854), John (b.1904),  
Margaret L (b.1863).

### *20<sup>th</sup> Century Adverts for 34 & 36 High Street*

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