

46 & 48 High Street



46 & 48 High Street existed under single occupancy until 1984 (over 200 years) when they were sold separately for the first time. We have no definite details of who lived here in its first 100 years, other than guesses from censuses.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1781 Feu charter to Samuel McKean, weaver in Drumshangan.

1840 Sasine of James McKean, grandson of Samuel McKean.

The only property in Gatehouse listed as being owned by James McKean in the 1859-60 Valuation Roll was at Braeside. Samuel McKean owned the joiner's shop and house in Ann Street.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 2 High Street (South) 52 & 53

<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>
Hume	James			m	25	mason	Kirkcudbrightshire
Hume	Nicholas			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Hume	William			m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Hume	Jannet			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
McGowan	Agnes			f	76	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
McGowan	Anne			f	35	dressmaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Bettie	George			m	11		Kirkcudbrightshire

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 5 High Street (South) 09

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McKean	Samuel	head	m	m	33	joiner	Kbts, Anwoth
McKean	Anne	wife	m	f	35		Kbts, Urr
McKean	John	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKean	James	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKean	Elisa	dau.		f	21m		Kbts, Girthon
Muir	Mary	visitor	w	f	54	gen. serv.	Kbts, Girthon

Muir	Ellen	dau.		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Muir	Robina	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Girthon
Carrick	Richard	lodger	s	m	28	police constable	England
McHarg	William	head	wr	m	85	formerly labourer	Ayr, Colmonell
Armour	Elizabeth	head	w	f	63	charwoman	Kbts, Minnigaff
Brown	Robert	son	s	m	37	tinsmith	Kbts, Girthon

1852 Slater's Directory : Robert Brown was a tinsmith in High Street..

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 9 High Street (South) 17

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Kennedy	John	head	m	m	69	tailor	Dumfries, Kirkmichael
Kennedy	Sarah	wife	m	f	60		Kbts, Gatehouse
Kennedy	Elizabeth	dau	s	f	18		Kbts, Gatehouse
Kennedy	Alexander	son		m	16	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Mary	head	s	f	70	proprietor of houses	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Joan	niece	s	f	24	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Rorison	Mary	head	w	f	72	waiter's widow	Argyll

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 9 High Street (South) 16

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McMurr(ay)	James	head	m	m	80	formerly farmer	Kbts, Anwoth
McMurr(ay)	Margaret	wife	m	f	79		Kbts, Girthon
McMurr(ay)	Margaret	dau.	s	f	37	seamstress	Kbts, Anwoth
McAdam	William	head	m	m	72	sawyer	Kbts, Gatehouse
McAdam	Grace	wife	m	f	71		Wigtown, Whithorn
McAdam	Margaret			f	30	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Lidderdale	David	head	m	m	59	dyker	Kbts, Minnigaff
Lidderdale	Charlotte	wife	m	f	59		Perthshire
Lidderdale	Margaret	dau.	s	f	25	ex domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse
Lidderdale	George	son	s	m	18	dyker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Rorrison	Mary	head	w	f	87		Argyllshire

1876 Passed to Margaret McKean or McNab then Rowatt

1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll : Margaret Wallace Rowatt, wife of Thomas Rowatt, Kew Green, London, owned a property in High Street which had annual rental value < £4.

A gross annual rental of <£4 means that the occupier did not have to be named, but a property on High St, would command a higher rental than that. This level of rental might have been for an "outbuilding" in the garden.

1879 Sold to William Macaulay, painter, Gatehouse and George Macaulay, his son, joiner, Gatehouse.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 8 High Street (South) 24

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Macaulay	William	head	m	m	56	house painter	Kbts, Minnigaff
Macaulay	Helen	wife	m	f	56		Wigtown, Sorbie
Macaulay	George	son	s	m	23	joiner	Kbts, Minnigaff
Macaulay	William	son	s	m	17	gamekeeper's assistant	Kbts, Girthon

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 7 High Street (S) 17

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Macaulay	William	head	m	m	66	painter	Kbts, Minnigaff
Macaulay	Ellen	wife	m	f	65		Wigtown, Garlieston

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 12 High Street (S) 36 - property was empty

1910 Sold by William and George Macaulay to Robert Whan, retired farmer.

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 4 High Street

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Whan	Robert	Head	s	m	75	retired farmer	Kbts, Girthon

1913 Sold by Robert Whan to William Corson, junior.

1953 Sold to John Menzies, forestry worker.

1984 Sold to Paul Ansbro.

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1984 46 High Street sold by Paul Ansbro to Louise Long or Walmsley.

2002 46 High Street sold.

48 High Street

1984 48 High Street sold by Paul Ansbro to Patricia Mary Stenhouse or Hardingham.

1996 48 High Street sold to James Chalmers White.

2002 48 High Street sold.

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