

60 High Street



Nos. 58 & 60 High Street

We believe that no.60 High Street was called ELLEBANA around the 1950's. William McGaw owned the property at the time. His wife was Annie (Anabelle) Walker or Ireland, and Ellebana was her first name in reverse.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1781** Feu to William McKinnell, mason.
1788 Sold to Samuel McTaggart, tailor.
1797 Sasine in favour of Margaret McLure or McTaggart.

1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory : Samuel Taggart, sen, was a tailor in Front Street.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 4 Front Street 62 & 61

<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	Margaret			f	80	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
Douglas	Grace			f	40	dressmaker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Blyth	Samuel			m	74	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
Blyth	Margaret			f	73		Kirkcudbrightshire

There is a rear access door between the front doors of nos. 58 & 60 High Street. It is likely that in the mid 1800s there was a separate residence in this 'close', and maybe the Blyth's lived there.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2 High Street (South) 04

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McTaggart	Margaret	head	w	f	90	annuitant	Kbts, Girthon
Douglas	Grace	visitor	s	f	50	upholsterer	Kbts, Girthon
Bailiff	Susanna	visitor		f	11	scholar	Wigtown, Kirkcudbright

It is possible that the property was inherited / occupied by a married daughter of Margaret McTaggart, before passing to Samuel McTaggart by 1878. The valuation roll entry in 1859 could be her daughter-in-law. If that is the case then the younger Margaret McTaggart would be about 70 years old (?).

The 2 families below were probably living in the close between 58 & 60 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>
Burnie	William	head	m	m	55	mason	Wigtown, Whithorn
Burnie	Agnes	wife	m	f	41		Dumfries, Glencairn
Burnie	Jane	dau.	s	f	17	carder in cotton factory	Kbts, Creetown
Burnie	Mary	dau.	s	f	13	employed in cotton factory	Kbts, Creetown
Burnie	John	son		m	9	scholar	Wigtown, Whithorn
Wales	John	son-in-l		m	6	{probably step-son}	Kbts, Girthon
Burnie	Margaret	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Girthon
Sproat	John	head	m	m	77	steward officer (parish relief)	Kbts, Girthon
Sproat	Joan	wife	m	f	75		Kbts, Girthon

1852 Slater's Directory : James McTaggart, was a shopkeeper & grocer in High Street. [Could be no.24](#)

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : Mrs Margaret McTaggart of Gatehouse owned and occupied a house and garden.

1861 Girthon Census – no Margaret McTaggart

1871 Girthon Census – no Margaret McTaggart

1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll : Trustees of the late Samuel McTaggart owned a house and garden in High Street that was occupied by William McGaw, mason.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Pages 9 & 10 [High Street \(South\) 30](#)

<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>
McGaw	William	head	m	m	73	master mason employing 9 men + 1 boy <i>{blind}</i>	Kbts, Girthon
McGaw	Jane	wife	m	f	66		Kbts, Twynholm
McGaw	Thomas H	son	m	m	38	mason	Kbts, Anwoth
McGaw	Helen	dau-in-l	m	f	34		Kbts, Balmaghie
McGaw	William	g-son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon
McGaw	Fanny L	g-dau		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Dalrymple	Mary A	g-dau		f	14	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Dalrymple	William	g-son	s	m	23	mason	Kbts, Anwoth

1884-5 Girthon Valuation Roll : Trustees of the late Samuel McTaggart owned a house and garden in High Street that was occupied by William McGaw, mason.

1889 Sold to T H McGaw (for £168) by judicial factor, on estate of deceased Samuel Taggart or McTaggart, for Agnes McPyke of Tarbolton and William Manson of St Quivox, descendants of Samuel McTaggart, sometime tailor in Gatehouse.

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Pages 7 & 8 [High Street \(S\) 21](#)

<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>
McGaw	Thomas H	head	m	m	48	builder	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Helen	wife	m	f	43		Kbts, Balmaghie
McGaw	William	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Margaret J	dau.		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Thomas H	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Robert	son		m	5m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Mary A K	niece	s	f	24	general servant	Kbts, Anwoth

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 11 [High Street 31](#)

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McGaw	Thomas H	head	m	m	58	builder	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Helen	wife	m	f	53		Kbts, Balmaghie

McGaw	William	son	s	m	21	builders apprentice	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Margaret J	dau.	s	f	19		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Thomas H	son	s	m	15	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 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>
McGaw	Thomas H	head	m	m	68	builder	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Helen	wife	m	f	62		Kbts, Balmaghie
McGaw	William	son	s	m	31	builder	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Thomas H	son	s	m	25	builder	Kbts, Gatehouse

- 1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory :** Thos. H McGaw & Sons were builders in High Street.
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1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory : Mrs McGaw was an agent for Shortridge & Son, laundry.
(This might have been Mrs J McGaw who lived at 17-19 High Street).

- 1968** Sold by executors of Mrs McGaw to David Trainer, shoemaker and Miss Catherine Trainer.
1979 Passed from executors of David Trainer to John Trainer.
1995 Sold to Chris Miller.
2005 Sold to Douglas and Barbara McDavid.
2014 Sold .



1915

Note the above referencse to Mrs McGaw's, High Street – not 60 High Street



1923



Andrew Veitch, dentist, Castle Douglas