

68 High Street



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For 100 years or so from the late 19th century, nos. 68 & 70 High Street were under common ownership and may have both been part of The Angel Hotel.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1788** Feu to Henry Alexander.
1811 Inherited by John Alexander, brewer in Paisley then Greenock, heir of Henry Alexander, his father.
1812 Sold to John McEwen, joiner, Gatehouse except part of feu sold to Samuel McNish.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 5 [Front Street 69, 70 & 71](#)

<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>
McEwen	James			m	63	tanner	Kirkcudbrightshire
Sproat	Agnes			f	40	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Hanning	John			m	65	blacksmith	Kirkcudbrightshire
Hanning	Margaret			f	62	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Walker	James			m	45	tailor	Kirkcudbrightshire
Walker	Jane			f	42		Scotland

These families seem to live close to what became the Angel Hotel. Sometimes it is difficult to know whether the addresses refer to family number or building number. John McEwen is probably a relative of part-owner John McEwen (see 1812 sasine note). The Walkers were still living in this house in 1851.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2 [High Street \(South\) 03](#)

<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>
Haining	Hugh	head	wr	m	62	labourer	Kbts, Girthon
Haining	James	son	s	m	27		Kbts, Anwoth
McMinn	Jean	sis-in-l	s	f	68	pauper ex house serv.	Kbts, Girthon
McMinn	Elizabeth	sis-in-l	s	f	60	seamstress	Kbts, Girthon

McMinn	Agnes	sis-in-l	s	f	58	seamstress (rec. Parish relief)	Kbts, Girthon
Dryburgh	Mary	head	w	f	65	housekeeper	Kbts, Girthon
Dryburgh	Charles	son	s	m	38	shoemaker	Kbts, Girthon
Naylor	David	g-son		m	8	scholar	England
Thomson	Jane	head	w	f	75	annuitant	Kbts, Borgue
Walker	James	head	m	m	66	tailor	Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Jane	wife	m	f	55		Dumfries, Dunscore

These families seem to be sharing a house next to the Angel Hotel

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll no McEwen or McNish as property owner.

1860 Sold by Alexander McEwen, Salford to John Elliot, Irish Street, Dumfries for £140.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 11 **High Street (S) 26**

<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>
Milligan	George	head	m	m	46	joiner journeyman	Kbts, Girthon
Milligan	Jane	wife	m	f	50		Kbts, New Abbey
Milligan	James	son	s	m	16	banker's clerk	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Gordon	head	m	m	58	labourer	Kbts, Kirkcowan
Johnston	Janet	wife	m	f	58		Kbts, Kirkcowan
Johnston	Gordon	son	s	m	27	labourer	Kbts, Kirkcowan
Johnston	Thomas	son	s	m	24	labourer	Kbts, Kirkcowan
Johnston	William	son	s	m	22	labourer	Kbts, Kirkcowan
Johnston	Janet	dau	s	f	16		Kbts, Kirkcowan
Hannah	Agnes	dau	m	f	20		Kbts, Kirkcowan
Hannah	David	g-son		m	2m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Logan	Jean	head	s	f	66	washerwoman	Wigtown, Sorbie
Reid	Jane	dau	s	f	31	dressmaker	Kbts, Girthon
Cairns	Mary	head	s	f	66	knits stockings	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Machan	Agnes	head	s	f	76	laundress	Wigtown

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1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 10 **High Street (S) 35 & 36**

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Milligan	George	head	m	m	57	house joiner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Jane	wife	m	f	65		Kbts, New Abbey
Nish	William	head	m	m	50	agricultural labourer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Nish	Margaret	wife	m	f	45	agricultural labourer	Kbts, Crossmichael
Nish	Margaret	dau.		f	12	scholar	Kbts, Borgue
Nish	Elizabeth	dau.		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Logan	Jane	head	s	f	73	laundress	Wigtown, Sorbie
Reid	Jane	dau.	s	f	41	laundress	Kbts, Girthon

These 3 families seem to be in the same building and next to the Angel Hotel

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll John Elliot, senior, of Kirkennan Cottage by Dalbeattie owned a property in High Street for which the gross annual rental was < £4; hence the occupiers name was not recorded.

1878 Sold by John Elliot, Kirkennan Cottage near Dalbeattie to Alexander Bryson

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 10 High Street (S) 35 & 36

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Hume	James	head	wr	m	65	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse
Hume	Janet	dau	s	f	39	housekeeper	Kbts, Gatehouse
Paterson	Alexander S	lodger	s	m	20	bank teller	Argyll, Inverary
McMillan	William	head	m	m	39	master mariner	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McMillan	Margaret	wife	m	f	36		Wigtown, Sorbie
McMillan	Mary	dau		f	8	scholar	Ireland
McMillan	Margaret	dau		f	3		Ireland
McMillan	John	son		m	1		Ireland
Reid	Jane	head	s	f	46	laundress	Kbts, Gatehouse

The next property is the Angel Hotel so it is fairly certain that the McMillan family and Miss Reid lived at no.68, but it is possible that the Humes + lodger could live at no.66.

1884-85 Girthon Valuation Roll Alexander Bryson, hotelkeeper, owned a stable & garden in High Street as well as houses & gardens for which the gross annual rental was <£4.
Dickson Gibson, horse hirer was the tenant of the stable.

Alexander Bryson was the owner and occupier of the Angel Hotel (next door)

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 8 High Street (S) 25

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Bryson	Hannah	head	w	f	77	living on private means	England
Mathieson	Hannah	dau.	w	f	50		England

Hannah Bryson was Alexander Bryson's widow.

1895 Nos 68 & 70 High Street were under single ownership under the Trustees of the late Alexander Bryson, innkeeper. The Angel Hotel property remained in single ownership until sold separately in the late 1990s.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 11 High Street 26 – uninhabited building**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>
Bertram	James	head	m	m	60	bobbin turner	England, Lancashire
Bertram	Margaret	wife	m	f	53		Kbts, Kirkcudbright

The Bertram's lived in the property next to the Angel Hotel.

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