

72 High Street : Fleetvale



No.72 High Street

The building which now houses the Spar supermarket at the lower level and Galloway Lodge on the upper level started life as a tannery building, with the living quarters being at the street end of the building. It was no.72 and was called Fleetvale. What is now the town car park was formerly the site of tan-pits.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1825-26 Pigot & Co. Directory Messrs. Selkirk & Menzies were tanners in Front Street.

1837-38 Pigot & Co. Directory Samuel Menzies was a tanner (no address given).

1837-38 Pigot & Co. Directory Samuel Blyth ran a tannery business from Fleetvale Cottage.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 6 Front Street 74

<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>
Blythe	Samuel			m	40	tanner	Kirkcudbrightshire
Blythe	Jane			f	25		Scotland
Blythe	Mary			f	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
Blythe	Catherine			f	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Douglas	Mary			f	20	independent	Scotland
Gingel	Agnes			f	20	female servant	Scotland

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 1 High Street (South) 01

<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>
Blythe	Samuel	head	m	m	50	postmaster & seedsman	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Jane	wife	m	f	36		Wigtown, Leswalt
Blythe	Mary E	dau.		f	13		Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	William R	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Jane	dau.		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Alexandrina	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	James	son		m	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	infant	son		m	1m		Kbts
Grierson	Marion	servant	s	f	42	house serv.	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

1852 Slater's Directory

Samuel Blyth, High Street, was a Scottish Union agent.

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll

Samuel Blythe, merchant, owned a house, shop, offices and a garden in Gatehouse. He occupied the house and shop etc whilst James B Penman, coachbuilder, occupied a workshop.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 12 High Street South 28 - (Fleetvale)

<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>
Blythe	Samuel	head	m	m	40	Telegraph ??	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Jane	wife	m	f	44		Wigtown, Stranraer
Blythe	Alexandrina A B	dau		f	14		Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	James A	son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Samuel	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Blythe	Charles A	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

N.B. the age for Samuel Blythe in 1861 may be incorrect : 60 would tie in with 1841 & 1851.

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 12 High Street (S) 28

<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>
Fell	Wilson	head	m	m	44	basket maker	England
Fell	Margaret	wife	m	f	40		England
Fell	Samuel	son		m	6	scholar	England
Fell	Mary Ann	dau.		f	4		England
Fell	William W	son		m	2		England
Hodgson	Hannah	relative		f	16	lodger	England
Lancaster	Isaac	head	m	m	26	basket maker	England
Lancaster	Jane A	wife	m	f	24		England
Lancaster	Sarah E	dau.		f	8		England
Lancaster	Thomas	son		m	6m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Everett	William	relative	wr	m	72		England
Hughes	James	head	m	m	38	general dealer	Ireland
Hughes	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	36		England
Hughes	Mary A	dau.		f	11	scholar	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Hughes	Alice	dau.		f	7	scholar	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Hughes	Sarah J	dau.		f	5		Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Hughes	James	son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon

In the 1871 Census, Robert Dalziel, innkeeper, occupied the Angel Hotel at 70 High Street. The next 3 families, as listed above, appear to be in a separate building and hence we are suggesting that they may all have inhabited part of Fleetvale, 72 High Street. It is possible that some of these people were in fact living in the Angel Hotel.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 11 High Street (S) 37 & 38

<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>
Brackenridge	David	head	m	m	57	rabbit catcher	Kbts, Twynholm
Brackenridge	Agnes	wife	m	f	30		Kbts, Crossmichael
Brackenridge	David	son	s	m	24	rabbit catcher	Kbts, Kirkgunzeon
Brackenridge	Mary	dau		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Brackenridge	Agnes	dau		f	4		Kbts, Anwoth
Brackenridge	James	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Hewatson	John	head	m	m	40	wood cutter	Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Jane	wife	m	f	40		Kbts, Girthon
Hewatson	Mary	dau		f	13	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Annie	dau		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Anthony	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Hewatson	Jessie	dau		f	5		Kbts, Anwoth

Hewatson James son m 1 Kbts, Anwoth

In the 1881 Census, Alexander Bryson, hotelkeeper, occupied the Angel Hotel at 70 High Street. The next 2 families, as listed above, appear to be in separate buildings and hence we are suggesting that they may have inhabited part of Fleetvale, 72 High Street.

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 9 High Street (S) 27 & 28

<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>
Goudie	Peter	head	m	m	50	carter	Ayr, Maybole
Goudie	Jane	wife	m	f	55		Wigtown, Minnigaff
Goudie	Peter	son		m	16		Kbts, Gatehouse
Goudie	Mary	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Dalbeattie
Goudie	William	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Dalbeattie
Shaw	Mary	head	s	f	46	baker	Kbts, Anwoth
McTaggart	Samuel	head	m	m	78	ret'd painter	Kbts, Girthon

In the 1891 Census, Minnie Bryson, hotelkeeper, occupied the Angel Hotel at 70 High Street. The next 2 families lived on the south side of High Street and are as listed above. The Goudie's are said to be living at "Fleetvale", but this is not the case for Mr McTaggart.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 9 High Street 25

<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>
Maxwell	Ann	head	w	f	65		not known
Webster	Penelope McC	dau.	m	f	30	sea captain's wife	Kbts, Borgue

In the 1901 Census, the enumerator listed houses in the opposite direction to at least the previous 3 censuses. The 2 properties before High Street 25 were described as Laurel Bank and the property after is the Angel Hotel.

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>
Burgess	Harry	head	m	m	42	driver	England
Burgess	Caroline	wife	m	f	44		England
Burgess	Harry C	son	s	m	17	groom	England
Burgess	Florence Roseanne	dau.	s	f	15		England

In the 1911 Census, Robert Hannah, hotelkeeper, occupied the property before the Burgess family and the next family were the Learmonth's at Laurelbank.

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll The representatives of postmaster John Gibson (per R A Mitchell, High St.) were proprietors of a house, offices & field where the tenant was James Campbell, postingmaster. We believe this was Fleetvale, 72 High Street, and the inference is that this might have been the post office at this time.

1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll The representatives of late John Gibson, postmaster (per R A Mitchell) were proprietors of 2 houses, offices & field under the overall name of Fleetvale. The tenant was James Campbell, postingmaster.

1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll The representatives of the late John Gibson (per R A Mitchell, Great Cross, Kirkcudbright) were proprietors of 2 houses, a garage and offices under the name of Fleetvale. The tenants were William & Allan Campbell, motor hirers.

1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll W & A Campbell owned and occupied a house in Gatehouse *that was probably Fleetvale*. The field *that was probably associated with Fleetvale* was owned by Mary A Mitchell, wife of R A Mitchell, Great Cross, Kirkcudbright and the tenants were William & Allan Campbell, motor hirers.

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