

1 Ann Street



The green building to the right is no.2 High Street. The 2-storey house painted in a light peach colour is No.1. Ann Street. The single storey building to the left is No.3 Ann Street.

The original feu granted to Samuel Ramsay in 1766 probably included about 97 feet along High Street, which is the length of properties 2 to 10. The plot for these is believed to extend back 134 feet from High Street. The 134 feet includes the depth of no.2 High Street as well as the length of nos.1 to 5 Ann Street.

At the back of the property (i.e. at a depth of 134 feet) is a stone wall which runs all the way from Maryville (no.5 Ann St.) to the town car park at the bottom of High Street.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

Prior to 1846 it is likely that nos. 1 to 5 Ann Street were under the same ownership as nos. 2 & 4 High Street.

1841 Girthon Census aka Nurseyville 4

surname	forename	sex	age	occupation	born
Porter	James	m	45	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire

1846	John Barrett , residing in Wigtown, obtained a sasine, probably for nos. 1, 3 & 5 Ann Street, (15/01/1846)
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1851 Girthon Census

The property does not appear to have been occupied at the time of the census. Samuel McKean may have acquired the property later in 1851.

1851	Nos. 1 & 3 were sold to Samuel McKean , joiner (registered 1852).
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1861 Girthon Census

McKean	Samuel	head	m	m	43	joiner	Kbts, Anwoth
McKean	Ann	wife	m	f	45		Kbts, Urr
McKean	John	son	s	m	21	joiner	Kbts, Girthon
McKean	James	son	s	m	19	joiner	Kbts, Girthon
Kie	William	servant	s	m	18	joiner apprentice	Kbts, Urr
Halliday	Robert	servant	s	m	18	joiner apprentice	Kbts, Girthon

1871 Girthon Census

McKean	Samuel	head	m	m	53	joiner	Kbts, Anwoth
McKean	Ann	wife	m	f	55		Kbts, Urr
McKean	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	21		Kbts, Girthon
McKean	Jeannie	dau.	s	f	19		Kbts, Girthon

1881 Girthon Census

McKean	Samuel	head	m	m	63	joiner	Kbts, Girthon
McKean	Annie	wife	m	f	65		Kbts, Urr

1891 Girthon Census

McKean	Ann	head	w	f	76	living on private means	Kbts, Urr
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1901 Girthon Census

Crosbie	William	head	m	m	33	posting master	Kbts, Borgue
Crosbie	Jessie	wife	m	f	34		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Crosbie	Jessie M	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	William	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	George	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Christopher	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Maggie	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Hannah M	dau.		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	James N C	son		m	11m		Kbts, Gatehouse

1911 Girthon Census

Crosbie	William	head	m	m	43	postingmaster	Kbts, Borgue
Crosbie	Jessie	wife	m	f	44		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Crosbie	Jessie Mary	dau.	s	f	20		Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	William	son	s	m	19	chauffeur	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	George	son	s	m	17	chauffeur	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Christopher	son	s	m	15	assistant chauffeur	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Maggie Jane	dau.	s	f	13	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Hannah Myres	dau.	s	f	12	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	James Nichol Cox	son	s	m	10	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	Emma	dau.	s	f	8	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Crosbie	John	son	s	m	6	school	Kbts, Gatehouse

The census shows the Crosbie family living at Ann Street by 1901, but ownership by the Crosbie family started in 1922 (ex deeds) and this lasted until 1971 when the then owner Jessie ("Jay") Crosbie died. For much, if not all, of this time No.1 and No.3 Ann Street were used as a single property. Soon after Jay Crosbie died, nos. 1 & 3 Ann Street were sold to Mrs Murray Usher and No.1 was sold on separately. No.3 was then used as a store / laundry by the Murray Arms Hotel and has recently been sold with the new owners being in the process of renovating and extending the property. *[written in 2014]*

1921 Girthon Census

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Ann Street 01	(1 & 3 Ann Street)						
Crosbie	William	head	29	m	s	Motor Agent & Engineer	Gatehouse
Crosbie	Christopher	bro.	26	m	s	Photographer	Gatehouse
Crosbie	James N C	bro.	21	m	s	Seedsman	Gatehouse
Crosbie	Maggie J	sis.	24	f	s	Domestic servant	Gatehouse

1922	Sold by Mary Faulds McKean or Martin to William Crosbie Jun. , garage proprietor. recorded 7/12/1922. Mary McKean will probably have been a descendant of Samuel McKeand who inherited the property.
1930	Sold to William Crosbie Senior , Motor Engineer, Murray Arms Garage
1946	Passed to Jessie Crosbie
1971	Sold by Executors of Jessie Crosbie to Mrs E Murray Usher 9/8/1971
1972	Sold to Lady Belhaven 2/2/1972
1979	Hon F Hamilton.
1992	Sold to Philippa Hamilton.
2012	Sold.



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