

No.9 Ann Street : (The Bay Horse)



The plot of no.9 Ann Street was first feued to Alexander Lillie, joiner in 1783. In 1787 it became the Bay Horse Inn owned by John Selkirk.

In a touching account of his early life, the celebrated artist John Faed RSA (1819-1902) recalled that Lord Kenmure, who was lodging at the Bay Horse, summoned John to meet him and told him that, as he was giving up painting, he would give John his paint box. 'No amount of language could convey the satisfaction and delight I had in carrying the box home.'

The Bay Horse later became the workshop of James McKean, joiner and then the premises of Smith and Murray, joiners.

A Mill Lade runs under The Bay Horse and there are stories that some joiners may have used this as a source of power.

Since the 1970's The Bay Horse has been an antique shop, a bed-and-breakfast business and is now a private home.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1783 Feu Charter of James Murray to Alexander Lillie, joiner.

1787 Life rent to John Selkirk Innkeeper and Jean Moffat his spouse (recorded 20/2/1788). Sometime passed to James Cowan, innkeeper.

1841 Girthon Census

aka Nurseyville 2

Cowan	James	m	40	spirit dealer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Cowan	Eliza	f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cowan	Jane	f	15		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cowan	Mary	f	10		Kirkcudbrightshire

1849 Thomas Selkirk, mariner and second son of the late Charles Selkirk, tanner in Gatehouse who was the eldest son of John Selkirk. Thomas Selkirk was the nearest lawful heir to John Selkirk, his grandfather who died in the West Indies.

1851 Girthon Census

1853 Sold by Thomas Selkirk sometime mariner in Gatehouse, then in Liverpool to Mary Menzies

1861 Girthon Census

Welsh	William	head	m	m	35	innkeeper & cattle dealer	Kbts, Urr
Welsh	Sarah	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Tongland
Welsh	Jannet	dau		f	1		Kbts, Girthon
Welsh	John	son		m	1m		Kbts, Girthon
McKean	Elizabeth	servant	s	f	18	domestic servant	Kbts, Anwoth
Carson	Mary	servant	s	f	17	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon

1864 Sold to H G Murray Stewart

1871 Girthon Census

1881 Girthon Census

McGaw	Jane	head	w	f	38	interest of money	England
McGaw	Jessie	dau		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McGaw	Jane	dau		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McGaw	Margie M	dau		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
McGaw	Eliza	dau		f	1		Kbts, Girthon
Dalrymple	Thomas	nephew	s	m	22	mason	Kbts, Girthon
Dalrymple	Robert	nephew	s	m	18	mason apprentice	Kbts, Girthon

1891 Girthon Census

1896 Sold by Horatio Murray Stewart to Mrs Agnes Faulds or McKean , wife of James McKean, joiner 29/04/1896

1901 Girthon Census

Dalrymple	Charles	head	m	m	59	gardener and forester	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Jane	wife	m	f	59		England
Dalrymple	Agnes	dau.	s	f	20		England
Dalrymple	Janet	sister	s	f	50	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse
Clark	Rev. James G	lodger	s	m	36	minister of Anwoth UF Church	Kbts, Hardgate of Urr

1911 Girthon Census

Dalrymple	Charles	head	m	m	69	jobbing gardener	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Jane	wife	m	f	69		England, Sussex
Dalrymple	Agnes	dau.	s	f	30		England, Manchester
Fairweather	Robert Wilson	lodger	s	m	35	factor's assistant	Midlothian, Edinburgh

1917 Mary Faulds McKean or Martin inherited from her mother Agnes Faulds McKean, widow of James McKean, joiner, after her death in 1917. At this time the feu was still 64 ft which covered what is now 7 & 9 Ann Street (between feu of Nathan Richmond and James Douglas' property).

1946 Sold by trustees of Mary Faulds McKean to William Hay.

1971 Part of the Bay Horse, 32 ft along street, sold 20/12/1971. This was only The Bay Horse, No.9 Ann Street.



The Bay Horse as a Joiner's Workshop (early 20th Century)

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