

The Murray Arms Hotel



The Murray Arms Hotel has been associated with the Murrays of Broughton and Cally for most of its existence. Built about 1760, the landlord in the seventeen nineties was James McKune.

In a letter to David McCulloch of Ardwall in 1794 Robert Burns wrote: "On Wednesday next, if you have nothing of more importance than to take a saunter to Gatehouse, about two or three o'clock, I shall be happy to take a draught of McKune's best with you."

The Murray Arms remained part of the Cally Estate until 1921 when it was sold to the hotelkeeper, Albert Payne.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1841 Girthon Census

Carson	Robert	m	46	innkeeper	Kirkcudbrightshire
Carson	Isabella	f	45		England
Proudlock	Fanny	f	14		England
Proudlock	Mary	f	12		England
Lowrie	John	m	22	male servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Murphy	Agnes	f	45	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Blain	Helen	f	34	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Denniston	Elizabeth	f	20	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Watt	Margaret	f	54	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Gordon	Alexander	m	28	independent	England
Montgomery	Joseph	m	25	commercial traveller	Kirkcudbrightshire

1851 Girthon Census

Foster	Henry	head	m	m	39	innkeeper + farmer 95 acres emp.3	England
Foster	Mary	wife	m	f	38		Dumfries, Irongray
Foster	Robert	son	m	m	8	scholar	Dumfries, Dumfries
Foster	Thomas	son	m	m	6	scholar	Dumfries, Dumfries
Foster	Jane	dau.	f	f	4		Dumfries, Dumfries
Foster	John	son	m	m	2		Kbts, Girthon

Foster	William	son		m	2m		Kbts, Girthon
Waugh	Jane	m-in-law	w	f	76		Dumfries, Kier
Hutchen	John	servant	s	m	25	postboy	Kbts, Girthon
Hutchen	Hugh	servant	s	m	15	boots	Kbts, Girthon
Carlisle	Agnes	servant	s	f	45	house serv.	Kbts, Minnigaff
Armstrong	Mary	servant	s	f	30	waiter	Kbts, Troqueer
Tait	Agnes	servant	s	f	21	housemaid	Kbts, Urr
Newall	Mary	servant	s	f	20	dairymaid	Kbts, Buittle
Graham	Janet	servant	s	f	20	nurse	England
Neilson	Jacob	traveller	wr	m	55	clothier	Dumfries, Gosforth
McAllison	William	traveller	s	m	37	wool merchant	Perth, Crieff
Robertson	John	traveller	m	m	30	merchant of goods	Midlothian, South Leith
Stewart	James	traveller	m	m	36	music seller	Moray, Abernethy
Lawson	William	traveller	m	m	40	clothier	Dumfries, Dumfries

1861 Girthon Census

Foster	Henry	head	m	m	51	hotel keeper & farmer 550 acres employing 1 labourer	England
Foster	Mary	wife	m	f	42		Kbts, Irongray
Foster	Jane	dau		f	13	scholar	Dumfries, Dumfries
Foster	Henry Walter	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Montgomery	John	visitor	m	m	32	commercial traveller	Argyll, Campbelltown
Hatton	Robert D	visitor	s	m	26	clothier	Dumfries, Dumfries
Gouldie	John	servant	s	m	33	ploughman	Ayr, Ayr
Parker	Jane	servant	s	f	23	cook	Wigtown, Wigtown
Tait	Jemima	servant	s	f	23	dairymaid	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Johnston	Margaret	servant	s	f	29	housemaid	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McKinna	Mary	servant	s	f	21	waiter	Wigtown, Wigtown

1871 Girthon Census

McMichael	George	head	m	m	29	hotel keeper & farmer employing 2	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Girthon
Leigh	John	boarder	m	m	30	clerk	England
Leigh	Caroline	boarder	m	f	28	clerk's wife	England
Russell	William	boarder	s	m	36	wine merchant	Leith
Lockhart	Margaret	servant	s	f	29	servant	Kbts, Girthon
Hyslop	Mary	servant	s	f	20	servant	Kbts, Kirkbean
Weir	Mary	servant	s	f	17	servant	England
Craig	Robert	servant	s	m	10	servant	Wigtown, Inch

1881 Girthon Census

McMichael	George	head	m	m	39	hotel keeper & farmer 100 acres employing 1	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	37		Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Jessie	dau		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	John	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Parker	Jane	servant	s	f	17	housemaid	Wigtown, Mochrum
McSkimming	John	servant	wr	m	48	ostler	Ayr, Ayr
Shaw	David	servant	s	m	20	farm servant	Kbts, Twynholm
Stevenson	Janet	servant	s	f	20	cook	Dumfries, Lochmaben
Law	Jessie	servant	s	f	20	waitress	Dumfries, Dumfries

1891 Girthon Census

McMichael	George	head	m	m	49	hotel keeper & farmer	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	47		Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Jessie Hume	dau.		f	17	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMichael	Clara	dau.		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Holdom	John Alexander Louis	nephew		m	14	scholar	England
Postlethwaite	Harry Almond	boarder	s	m	27	timber buyer	England
Grier	Mary	servant	s	f	44	waitress domestic	Dumfries, Dumfries
Milroy	Dora	servant	s	f	22	cook domestic	Kbts, Balmaclellan
Goudie	Agnes	servant	s	f	27	housemaid domestic	Kbts, Gatehouse

1901 Girthon Census

McMichael	Elizabeth	head	w	f	56	hotel keeper	Kbts, Girthon
McMichael	Clara	dau.	s	f	18		Kbts, Girthon
Anderson	Elizabeth	companion	s	f	24	lady's help dom.	Wigtown, Old Luce
McLauchlan	Mary	servant	s	f	22	hotel waitress dom.	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Whan	Maggie	servant	s	f	28	hotel housemaid dom.	Kbts, Girthon

1911 Girthon Census

Payne	Albert Edward	head	m	m	46	hotel keeper	Bedford, Arlesey
Payne	Adelaide	wife	m	f	39		Cheshire, Eton
Payne	John Alex	son		m	5	school	Liverpool, Woolton
Payne	Lily	servant	s	f	24		Bedford, Arlesey
McSkimming	Ellen	servant	s	f	34	housemaid	Kbts, Gatehouse
Murray	Maggie	servant	s	f	22	waitress	Wigtown, Whauphill

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