

## Cheritonwood : ex Rosebank

This house is right at the top of Ann Street. It was originally called Rosebank but the present owners have renamed it **Cheritonwood**.



The “Old Military Road” came into Gatehouse through the ground on which this house is built. The Cut was opened in 1823, Rosebank was feued in 1828, and at about the same time the street became known as Ann Street.

### Notes by David Steel

Rosebank was feued by Alexander Murray in 1828 to Jane McNish (1779-1851), widow of John McCartney (1775-1819) of the island of New Providence. Jane’s eldest brother was James McNish (1766-1812) owner of the Cairnsmuir Plantation, Jamaica. William McNish (1770-1828) owned the Gatehouse plantation in Georgia; another brother John McNish (1780-1826) owned the Hermitage plantation. When Jane died in 1851, Rosebank was inherited by her sister Christina, wife of William McClure. She sold it in 1854 to Horatio Murray Stewart, after which it became the Cally factor’s house until it was sold to Alexander McMillan, farmer, Irelandton on Mr Murray Stewart’s death in 1904.

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

#### 1841 Girthon Census

McNish	Jane			f	55	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
McNish	Martha			f	46	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
McNeely	Mary			f	20	female servant	Scotland

#### 1851 Girthon Census

McCartney	Jane	head	w	f	70	annuitant	Kbts, Girthon
McNish	Martha	friend	s	f	60		Kbts, Girthon
Graham	Isabella	visitor	s	f	13		Dumfries, Caerlaverock
Anderson	Jessie	servant	s	f	19	nurse maid	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

### 1861 Girthon Census

Schneider	George A	head	m	m	39	factor for Cally	England
Schneider	Ellen	wife	m	f	41		England
Schneider	George	son		m	10	scholar	England
Schneider	Laurence	son		m	9	scholar	England
Schneider	Frederick	son		m	7	scholar	England
Schneider	Stewart	son		m	4		England
Collingwood	Rebecca		s	f	33	governess	England
Herd	Anna Maria	servant	s	f	21	cook	England
Cameron	Annie	servant	s	f	19	domestic servant	Kbts, Creetown
Cameron	Barbara	servant	s	f	21	domestic servant	Kbts, Creetown

### 1871 Girthon Census

Moule	Henry Joseph	head	m	m	65	factor	England
Moule	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	37		Midlothian, Edinburgh
Moule	Margaret E	dau.		f	6		Kbts, Gatehouse
Moule	Henry R	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Moule	John F	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
Walker	Sarah Anne	servant	s	f	24	nurse domestic servant	England
Sharpe	Frances	servant	s	f	20	housemaid, domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse
Sharpe	Ellen C	servant	s	f	18	cook domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

Henry Moule was an artist who painted subjects around Gatehouse. This link directs you to some details about his life and his paintings. [Henry Moule, artist.](#)

### 1881 Girthon Census

Campbell	James	head	m	m	38	estate factor	Perth, Fortingall
Campbell	Charlotte R	wife	m	f	37		Fife, St Andrews
Urquhart	Ann	servant	s	f	37	cook	Inverness, Inverness
Raeside	Catherine	servant	s	f	22	housemaid	Ireland
Stewart	James	servant	s	m	23	groom	Dumfries, Dornock

### 1901 Girthon Census

*uninhabited building*

### 1911 Girthon Census

McMillan	Alexander	head	m	m	64	farmer	Kbts, Minnigaff
McMillan	Marion	wife	m	f	52		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Burges	Barbara	servant	s	f	27	domestic servant	Kbts, Borgue

**1859-60 Valuation Roll** says George A. Schneider is the occupier.

**1878-79 Valuation Roll** says James Campbell, factor is the occupier.

**1884-85 Valuation Roll** says James Campbell, factor is the occupier.



Alexander & Marion McMillan, taken at Rosebank by William McMurray, probably around 1920.  
Below is a postcard of a similar vintage.

