

## Birtwhistle Street – West View

From the time they were first feued (in 1785) until 1947, all the properties on the north side of Birtwhistle Street were under single ownership. The owner did change from time to time, but ownership covered all the houses on that side of the street.

The censuses alone do not provide sufficient information to be sure of who lived in what house before the 1881 census.

Ownership up to 1947 is contained in a separate file (“Birtwhistle St.N to 1947”), and all recorded occupants of Birtwhistle Street in the first 4 censuses are also listed separately (“Birtwhistle St.N census 1841” to Birtwhistle St.N census 1871”).



### ◀ Ownership and Occupancy of West View ▶

#### 1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 1 [Birtwhistle Street 11](#)

<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>
Neil	William	head	m	m	39	general labourer	Kbts, Girthon
Neil	Janet	wife	m	f	38		Kbts, Girthon
Neil	James	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Neil	Elizabeth	dau		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Neil	Lachlin	son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon

#### 1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 6 [Birtwhistle Street West View](#)

<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>
McLean	Jane	head	s	f	54	living on private means	Kbts, Gatehouse
Bailiff	Janet	boarder	w	f	85	living on private means	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 15 Birtwhistle Street West View**

<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>
Henderson	John	head	m	m	27	carter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Maggie	wife	m	f	28		Wigtown, Wigtown
Henderson	Agnes M	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Ivan M	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

**1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 4 Birtwhistle Street 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>
Henderson	John	head	m	m	36	contractor & coal merchant	Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Margaret A	wife	m	f	38		Wigtown, Wigtown
Henderson	Agnes	dau.		f	13	school	Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Ivan	son		m	11	school	Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Lesley	dau.		f	9	school	Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Colin	son		m	6	school	Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Rhoda	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
Henderson	Lloyd George	son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon

John Henderson died in 1911. His youngest son, also named John but known as Jack, was born at Westview 2 months after his death. By 1914 widow Margaret Henderson and her family had moved to Catherine Street.

In 1923, Margaret Henderson and all the rest of her family emigrated to New Zealand to join her son Ivan who had emigrated there in 1920. Young Jack remained in Gatehouse, being cared for by members of the Henderson family.

In later life Jack and his wife Chrissie lived in East View - at the other end of Birtwhistle Street.

The story of Jack Henderson, gamekeeper can be found at 'Who Did What' – 'Kenspeckle Folk'.

- 1911-12 Valuation Roll :** James Dalrymple owned all the houses on the north side of Birtwhistle Street. The tenant of West View was Margaret Henderson, widow.
- 1914-15 Valuation Roll :** James Dalrymple owned all the houses on the north side of Birtwhistle Street. The tenant of West View was Stewart Leitch, shoemaker.
- 1921-22 Valuation Roll :** James Dalrymple owned all the houses on the north side of Birtwhistle Street. The tenant of West View was William Shaw, labourer.
- 1930-31 Valuation Roll :** All the houses on the north side of Birtwhistle Street are owned by James Dalrymple, Glasgow. West View is occupied by William Shaw, labourer.
- 1940-41 Valuation Roll :** All the houses on the north side of Birtwhistle Street except East View are owned by John & Catherine Miller. West View is occupied by Catherine Miller, spinster.
- 1950-51 Valuation Roll :** West View, Birtwhistle Street is owned and occupied by John Miller, retired.
- 1960-61 Valuation Roll :** 23 Birtwhistle Street, West View, is owned and occupied by Margaret W Muir.
- 1974-75 Valuation Roll :** 23 Birtwhistle Street, West View, is owned and occupied by Mrs Margaret W Muir.



Mary & Stewart Leitch lived at West View in 1914-15. This photo was taken by William McMurray.