

## 29 Catherine Street



The low-roofed house on the right is no.27, whilst the partial building on the left is no.33. The present day number on the door as seen above is 31, but it is likely that at some stage this door led to 2 separate properties no.29 and no.31. We do not know whether this was left & right or upstairs & downstairs.

### Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

#### 1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 17 [Back Street 49 & 50](#)

<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>
McKay	James			m	30	porter	Kirkcudbrightshire
McKay	Ann			f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKay	Mary			f	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKay	John			m	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
McKay	Robert			m	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
Patterson	John			m	40	agricultural labourer	Ireland
Patterson	Mary			f	40		Ireland
Patterson	Richard			m	10		Ireland

*The above families have been allocated to 29 Catherine Street based purely on the order of families listed in the census.*

**1850** Feu charter to Dorothy Long for properties in Swan Street bounded by gardens of Mary Hornsby (37), James Walker (35), John Gardiner's heirs (33), **William Ramage** (31 & 29), John Kirkpatrick's heirs (27) and James Maben (25).

*The names listed as owning adjacent gardens are those who own property in Catherine Street from the corner of Digby Street heading east.*

#### 1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 5 [Back Street \(North\) 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>
Dalziell	Agnes	head	s	f	58	grocer	Kbts, Girthon

*We believe that the grocers shop was on the ground floor to the right as you go through the current front door of no.31*

<b>1854</b>	Passed from Jane Kirkpatrick or Ramage, daughter of James Kirkpatrick to Thomas Kirkpatrick
<b>1854</b>	Title of Thomas Kirkpatrick, merchant in Gatehouse

**1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mrs Janet Ramage owned 3 houses with gardens in Girthon. One of these was occupied by Grace & Mary Walker. She occupied another herself and William Dacre Alder occupied the other.

*It is possible that the 3 houses were nos.29, 31 & 33 Catherine Street. Note that the property still seems to be in the name of Mrs Ramage, and not Thomas Kirkpatrick (maybe her brother) per the 1854 transfer.*

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 6** [Back Street 14](#)

<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>
Walker	Agnes	head	w	f	68		Dumfries, Dumfries
Walker	Grace	dau	s	f	40	spirit retailer & grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Walker	Mary	dau	s	f	30		Kbts, Gatehouse

*Neither Janet Ramage nor William Alder are living in Girthon in 1861. The Walker family seem to have been hand loom weavers in 1851 when they lived at 33 Catherine Street. Sometime in the 1850s they seem to have moved 2 houses down the street and taken over the grocer's business at no.29.*

<b>1862</b>	Sold by William Roy, farmer in Kirkbride and creditors of Thomas Kirkpatrick, draper, Gatehouse acting under trust disposition to Grace and Mary Walker
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**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 14** [Back Street 35](#)

<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>
Walker	Grace	head	s	f	52	grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Walker	Mary	sister	s	f	36	grocer	Kbts, Girthon

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 9** [Back Street \(N\) 14](#)

<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>
Walker	Grace	head	s	f	43	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Walker	Mary	sister	s	f	54	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 11** [Catherine Street 34](#)

<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>
Walker	Grace	head	s	f	71	licensed grocer	Kbts, Girthon

<b>1894</b>	Trustee of Grace Walker
<b>1894</b>	Passed to nephew John Walker draughtsman, her shop, dwelling house and stock

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District - Page --** [Catherine Street --](#)

<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>
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**1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District - Page --** [Catherine Street](#)

<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>
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*It is likely that the Henry family lived in no.31 and that no.29 was declared as an empty building in 1911.*

We do not know exactly when, but at some stage nos.29 & 31 were combined into one house which was subsequently called 31 Catherine Street.