

## 37 Catherine Street



### Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

**1777** Feu to William McMinn, shoemaker

**1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 18** [Back Street 54](#)

<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>
Hornsby	Mary			f	45		Kirkcudbrightshire

*Mary Hornsby lived in the last house in Back Street before the enumerator started Swan Street.*

**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), John Kirkpatrick's heirs (29 & 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 3** [Back Street \(North\) 8](#)

<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>
Hornsby	Mary	head	s	f	59	pauper	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Miss Mary Hornsby owned a property (ref. 178) which had an annual rental value <£4 p.a. and hence the occupant(s) did not need to be identified.

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 4 & 5** [Back Street 10](#)

<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>
McLellan	Robert	head	m	m	46	shoemaker	Kbts, Crossmichael
McLellan	Janet	wife	m	f	42		Kbts, Urr
McLellan	Jane	dau	s	f	15		Kbts, Urr
McLellan	Samuel	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLellan	John	son	s	m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLellan	Margaret	dau	s	f	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLellan	Robert	son	s	m	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McLellan	James	son	s	m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

McLellan	Janet	dau	s	f	2			Kbts, Gatehouse
Hornsby	Mary	head	s	f	69	pauper	{blind}	Kbts, Gatehouse

*The census implies that the McLellan family occupied the same building as Mary Hornsby.*

*There was a Bailiff family living in Cross Street between this property and no.39, on the other side of Digby Street.*

<b>1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 15</b>					<b>Back Street 39</b>			
<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>	
Hornsby	James	head	m	m	57	bricklayer employing 1 man + 1 boy	Kbts, Gatehouse	
Hornsby	Martha	wife	m	f	59		Lanark, Glasgow	
Hornsby	Robert	son	s	m	27	bricklayer	Kbts, Gatehouse	
Hornsby	Mary	dau.	s	f	22		Kbts, Gatehouse	
Hornsby	William	g-son		m	6	scholar	Lanark, Glasgow	

*James & Martha Hornsby lived at 2-4 High Street in 1861.*

<b>1874</b>	James Hornsby bought from Dorothy Long the plot on which a house was later built between Swan Street and Back Street. The document refers to feus of James Hornsby, James Walker, the heirs of William Carson and partly the feu of Grace and Mary Walker
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*Dorothy Long owned the plot on which the Swan Street houses were built. The above transaction may have involved the land on which Glenavon was subsequently built.*

<b>1874</b>	New Charter of James Hornsby
<b>1874</b>	James Hornsby borrowed £600 on his Back Street properties from Edward Robertson, Edinburgh, repaid 1875. Hornsby's handiwork can be seen in the Flemish bond brickwork.

<b>1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll :</b>	James Hornsby, senior, a bricklayer, owned and occupied a house and garden (ref. 1647) in Catherine Street.
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<b>1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 9</b>					<b>Back Street (N) 11</b>			
<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>	
Hornsby	Martha	wife	m	f	70		Glasgow, Barony	
Fergusson	Annie Martha	g-dau		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse	

*James Hornsby was still alive but not at home on census night.*

<b>1884-85 Girthon Valuation Roll :</b>	James Hornsby, senior, a bricklayer, owned and occupied a house and garden (ref. 1848) in Catherine Street.
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<b>1886</b>	Passed to Emily Hornsby or Fergusson. <i>Even though James Hornsby was still alive.</i>
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<b>1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 13</b>					<b>Catherine Street 38</b>			
<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>	
Hornsby	James	head	wr	m	77	bricklayer	Kbts, Girthon	

<b>1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 3</b>					<b>Catherine Street 09</b>			
<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>	
Fisher	Margaret	head	w	f	64	none	Kbts, Kirkcudbright	
Fisher	Jeanie	dau.	s	f	25	housemaid dom.	Kbts, Gatehouse	
Fisher	George	g-son		m	15	baker apprentice	Kbts, Gatehouse	

*The McDonald family lived across Digby Street from the Hornsby's and the Fisher's lived next to the McDonald's in 1901.*

<b>1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 8</b>					<b>Catherine Street</b>			
<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>	
McMurray	James	head	m	m	75	retired postman (GPO pensioner)	Kbts, Girthon	
McMurray	Margaret	wife	m	f	66		Dumfries, Dumfries	

McMurray	George	son	s	m	35	general ironmonger	Kbts, Girthon
McMurray	Walter	son	s	m	30	postman	Kbts, Girthon
McMurray	William	son	s	m	28	postman	Kbts, Girthon
McMurray	Wellwood	son	s	m	27	general ironmonger	Kbts, Girthon
McMurray	James	g-son	s	m	15	mill worker	Kbts, Girthon
McMurray	Margaret Jane	g-dau		f	13	school	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McMurray	Lily	g-dau		f	10	school	Kbts, Girthon

*1912-13 Valuation Roll confirms that James McMurray occupied a house in Catherine Street owned by Emily Hornsby. James & Margaret McMurray lived in High Street in 1901.*

**1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **Emily Fergusson**, widow, owned a house (ref. 219) in Catherine Street that was occupied by James McMurray, retired postman. She also owned and occupied Glenavon cottage, built behind 37 Catherine Street.

**1915** | Inherited by Marjorie Fergusson

**1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **George H Fergusson**, builder, owned and occupied Glenavon Cottage in Digby Street. He also owned a house in Catherine Street that was occupied by Mrs McMurray, widow.

**1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **George H Fergusson**, builder, owned a house in Catherine Street, Glenavon Cottage in Digby Street, and all the houses in Roseberry Terrace and Swan Street. He lived at Glenavon.

**1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **George H Fergusson, builder**, owned and occupied Glenavon Cottage in Digby Street. He also owned a house in Catherine Street that was occupied by **George Holmes**, as well as all the houses in Roseberry Terrace and Swan Street.

**1949** | Passed from Marjorie Fergusson to G H Fergusson

**1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **George H Fergusson, builder**, Glenavon , owned a house in Catherine Street that was occupied by **George Holmes**. Fergusson also owned Glenavon, all the property in Swan Street and Roseberry Terrace, plus a garage in Digby Street.

**1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll :** **George H Fergusson, builder**, Glenavon , owned a house in Catherine Street that was occupied by **Donald J Fergusson**. G H Fergusson also owned Glenavon, 2 stores in Swan Street, 3 houses in Roseberry Terrace, a garage in Digby Street, and a house and shop at 3-5 High Street.

**1963** | Sold to Mr and Mrs Wallace

**1966** | Sold to Mr and Mrs McLeod

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