

39 Catherine Street



We believe that this property was originally 2 houses, which may have always been jointly owned. The photo shows the outline of a doorway that used to open on to Catherine Street. The building around the corner might have been considered as a Digby Street property in some censuses.

Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

1777	Feu charter to John Newall, labourer in Gatehouse
1801	Sold to John McMinn, joiner in Gatehouse
1812	Sold to Alexander McClure at Flilarg
1828	Title of Alexander McClure sometime in Flilarg, and afterwards in Gatehouse

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 18 [Back Street 91 & 92](#)

<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>
Milligan	James			m	50	hand loom weaver	Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	Elizabeth			f	52		Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	Hellen			f	20		Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	Andrew			m	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	James			m	10		Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	William			m	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Milligan	Anthony			m	2m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Sproat	John			m	66	independent	England
Sproat	Catherine			f	66		Kirkcudbrightshire

The Milligan & Sproat families are the last 2 families listed in Back Street before the enumerator went on to Covent Garden, which we believe was the name used for Victoria Street. Alexander McClure, independent, aged 70, lived alone as family Back Street 87, which being 4-5 families from the last property in the street is unlikely to be 39 Catherine Street.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 3 **Back Street (North) 7**

<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>
McMillan	John	head	m	m	70	ret'd grocer	Kbts, Girthon
McMillan	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	50		Kbts, Girthon
Mears	Daniel	head	wr	m	56	molecatcher	England
Mears	Sarah	dau.	s	f	29		Kbts, Kelton

The above families are assumed to be living at no.39 because they lived next to Mary Hornsby who lived at no.37.

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :

Mrs Christina McClure owned 4 properties in Gatehouse. One was a house, shop, garden & backhouse, occupied by James Douglas, saddler, *which could well have been in High Street*. Two more properties were houses with gardens –occupied by (1) Charles James McClure & (2) Miss Elizabeth Wright. The fourth property had annual rent <£4 *and this could have been 39 Catherine St.*

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 4 **Back Street 09**

<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>
McMillan	Elizabeth	head	w	f	70		Kbts, Girthon

Cross Street 11

Bailiff	James	head	wr	m	56	wood forester	Ireland
Bailiff	John	son	s	m	24	wood forester	Kbts, Gatehouse
Bailiff	Susan	dau.	s	f	20		Wigtown, Kirkinner
Bailiff	John	g-son	s	m	6	scholar	Wigtown, Wigtown

We believe Elizabeth McMillan lived at no.39 in 1851 and this property is at the corner with Cross Street. Note that there is a 20 year difference in Elizabeth's age between 1851 & 1861. The entry for Cross Street 11 is likely to be the family from the adjoining property which had a door onto Digby Street.

1863	Passed to Samuel Menzies, trustee of Alexander McClure, and then to life renters Margaret Bailiff, Mary Bailiff or Clement spouse of David Clement, joiner and others.
1863	Sold to Alexander McDonald, blacksmith
1864	Christina McClure died at Glasserton.
1865	Charles James McClure died in Girthon aged 58.

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 15 & 16 **Back Street 40**

<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>
McDonald	Alexander	head	m	m	41	blacksmith employing 1 man + 1 boy	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	45		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Robert	son	s	m	16	apprentice blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	John	son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Margaret	dau.		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Elizabeth	dau.		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Alexander	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Jemima	dau.		f	<12m		Kbts, Gatehouse

Alexander & Elizabeth lived in Cross Street (Digby Street) with Alexander McDonald, snr, in 1861.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 8 **Back Street (N) 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>
McDonald	Alexander	head	m	m	51	blacksmith employing 2 men	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	55		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Robert H	son	s	m	26	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	John	son	s	m	22	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Maggie	dau.	s	f	19		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	16		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Jemima	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 13 [Catherine Street 39](#)

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McDonald	Alexander	head	m	m	61	blacksmith	Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	64		Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	John	son	s	m	32	blacksmith	Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	26		Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	Jemima	dau.	s	f	20		Kbts, Girthon

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 8 [Back Street \(N\) 10](#)

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McDonald	Alexander	head	m	m	71	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	72		Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	John	son	s	m	41	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDonald	Jemima	dau.	s	f	30		Kbts, Gatehouse

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2 [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>
McDonald	Alexander	head	m	m	81	blacksmith	Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	83		Kbts, Anwoth
McDonald	John	son	s	m	52	blacksmith	Kbts, Girthon
McDonald	Jemima	dau.	s	f	40		Kbts, Girthon

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll : Alexander McDonald, blacksmith, owned and occupied a house in Catherine Street.

1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll : Alexander McDonald, retired blacksmith, owned and occupied a house in Catherine Street.

1923 Title of Alexander McDonald.

1923 John McDonald.

1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll : John McDonald, blacksmith, and Jemima McDonald, spinster, owned and occupied a house in Catherine Street.

1931 Girthon Marriage : Edith McDonald Cumming, daughter of James Cumming & Elizabeth McDonald of 39 Catherine Street married William Neil Worrall of 50 Catherine Street on 28th Feb.

1938 Sold (half share) to William Worrall, green keeper, other half inherited by his wife, Edith Cumming in 1952.

1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll : John McDonald, blacksmith, and William Worrall, greenkeeper, owned no.39 Catherine Street, which was occupied by John McDonald.



Bob McDonald, blacksmith



William Worrall, greenkeeper



John McDonald, blacksmith

1952	Title of William Worrall.
1975	Sold by trustee of William Worrall to David S McRobert of 6 Fleet St, Gatehouse.
1986	Sold to Donald and Nora Tindell.
1994	Passed to Patricia Tindell or Grant, Honor Tindell or McConchie and Nicholas Tindell.
1997	Sold to Kenneth and Yvonne McConnell.

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