

## 45 Catherine Street

No.45 Catherine Street has been incorporated within No.43 ever since the 2 buildings were demolished and rebuilt by Leo McClymont in the 1950s.

The original No.43 was 2-storey whilst No.45 was single storey, and hence were probably feued and owned separately, although it is possible that they were a single entity with a shared entrance off Catherine Street.

Previous deeds transaction of a property are kept with current property deeds at New Register House in Edinburgh, and can be searched by going back from present day records.

As No.45 no longer exists, its details would normally have been kept along with those of No.43, but the transaction details which we have, seem to refer to a single property, and these are presumed to refer to No.43.

Given that No.45 was a small single storey building, any annual rent would probably be <£4 so occupants would not be identified during the early years of valuation rolls.

The following census records are our estimates of who lived here based purely on the size of the property and the order of names listed in the census returns.

### Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

#### 1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 17 [Back Street 85 & 86](#)

<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>
McMinn	Isabella			f	58	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
McMinn	William			m	33	turner	Kirkcudbrightshire
McMinn	John			m	18	shoemaker apprentice	Kirkcudbrightshire
McMinn	Mariah			f	13		Kirkcudbrightshire
McMinn	John			m	65	turner journeyman	Kirkcudbrightshire
Bird	Eliza			f	26		Kirkcudbrightshire
Bird	Mary			f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Gala	Elizabeth			f	6		Kirkcudbrightshire
McMillan	John			m	58	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire
McMillan	Elizabeth			f	40		Kirkcudbrightshire

#### 1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 3 [Back Street \(North\) 5 \(part\)](#)

<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>
Strachan	Agnes	head	w	f	45	laundress	Wigtown, Penninghame
McAdam	William	head	m	m	51	sawyer	Kbts, Girthon
McAdam	Grace Hann.	wife	m	f	48		Wigtown, Whithorn
McAdam	John	son	s	m	17	joiner app.	Kbts, Girthon
McAdam	Margaret	dau.	s	f	14		Kbts, Girthon

*In the census, there do appear to be a large number of people living in the small single storey building that is the 5<sup>th</sup> building along Catherine Street (=No.45), so we have assumed that nos.43 & 45 had a common entrance that the enumerator thought was a single building.*

#### 1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 3 [Back Street 05 & 06](#)

<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>
Birkett	Margaret	head	w	f	51	day labourer	Kbts, Kells
Campbell	Elizabeth	dau	s	f	35	sempstress	Kbts, Kells
Birkett	Margaret	dau	s	f	14	day labourer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Birkett	William	son	s	m	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMinn	William	g-son	s	m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

McConnell	Alexander	head	s	m	66	cooper	Kbts, Creetown
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**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 16** [Back Street 43](#)

<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>
Kenyon	James	head	m	m	63	agricultural labourer	Ireland
Kenyon	Elisabeth	wife	m	f	50		Wigtown, Whithorn
Milligan	Elisabeth	g-dau.		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Wilson	Isabella	head	s	f	55		Wigtown, Penninghame

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 8** [Back Street \(N\) 06 & 07](#)

<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>
Briggs	Charles	head	m	m	39	basket maker	England
Briggs	Mary	wife	m	f	26		England
Ingles	William	head	wr	m	73	dyker	Kbts, Twynholm

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 13** [Catherine Street 42](#)

<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>
Morran	Thomas	head	wr	m	48	general labourer	Ireland

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2** [Catherine Street 05](#)

<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>
Heron	Elizabeth	head	s	f	47	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Heron	Frederick	son	s	m	26	cattle man	Kbts, Gatehouse
Heron	James	son	s	m	23	waiter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Duff	Violet	niece		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Murray	James	boarder	m	m	59	foreman baker	Wigtown, Stranraer
Straiton	Andrew	boarder	s	m	19	postman	Kbts
McLaughlin	John R	boarder	s	m	18	postman	Kbts

**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>
Coyle	Peter	head	m	m	77	retired drainer (old age pensioner)	Ireland
Coyle	Margaret	wife	m	f	80	old age pensioner	Ireland
Coyle	Peter	g-son	s	m	24		Kbts, Girthon
Stewart	James	boarder	s	m	37	carter	Kbts, Girthon

**1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mary Muir, widow, farmer, Little Boreland, owned 2 houses in Catherine Street. One was occupied by Elizabeth Heron, spinster, and the other was occupied by Peter Coyle, retired.

**1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Eva Huntley, spinster, Catherine Street, owned 3 houses in Catherine Street. One was occupied by William Heron, postman, another was occupied by Elizabeth Heron, widow, and the other was occupied by Peter Coyle, retired.

**1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Eva Huntley, spinster, Catherine Street, owned 3 houses in Catherine Street. 2 families occupied no.43 (Thomas A Preston & James Stewart, dealer), whilst one occupied no.45 (Agnes Davonport, widow).

**1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Nos. 43 & 45 Catherine Street were owned jointly by James Stewart, dealer and Agnes Davenport, widow. They both occupied no 45, whilst no.43 is described as being ruinous.

**1950** | New charter to Ada Paterson

**1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Nos. 43 & 45 Catherine Street were owned by Mrs Ada F Paterson, per

Richard Lillie, solicitor. They are both described as being condemned.

**1954** Sold by Ada Paterson, widow, to Leo and Alexandra McClymont

**1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Leo and Mrs Alexandra J W McClymont, Keel Street, Lewes, Sussex, owned 45 Catherine Street which was occupied by Robert Crosbie.

*It seems that No.43 Catherine Street no longer existed. Today the single property is No.43 with No.45 non-existent.*

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