

53 Catherine Street



Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

1783	Feu to Samuel Crosbie, late in Ruscoe then in Gatehouse . [20 ft Thomas Gordon's feu, west]
1792	Passed to Samuel Crosbie his youngest son
1811	Sold to William Stodhart, blacksmith in Gatehouse.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 16 [Back Street 73 & 74](#)

<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>
Lithgow	William			m	35	machine maker	Scotland
Lithgow	Mary			f	27		Kirkcudbrightshire
Lithgow	William			m	16	machine maker apprentice	Scotland
Lithgow	John			m	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Lithgow	Janet			f	4		Scotland
Lithgow	Mary			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire

unoccupied

We believe that the enumerator entered details for the west end of Back Street starting on the south side at the corner of Digby Street. From there he headed west until he reached Victoria Street, then crossed the road to this property before heading east back to Digby Street. It is our best judgement that on this basis the Lithgow family lived at 53 Catherine Street.

1848	Inherited by Mary Stodhart , wife of Peter Dunn, gardener, Barwhinnock and Janet Stodhart, Liverpool, only surviving children of James Stodhart, New York, second son of William Stodhart.
1850	Title of James Gordon, edge tool maker in Fisherrow, great grandson of Thomas Gordon. By 1850 there was a vacant plot of 20 ft feued to Thomas Gordon. [was this the plot for 55 Catherine Street ?]

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 4 Page 1 [Back Street \(North\) 1](#)

<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>
Neilson	Alexander	head	m	m	66	pawnbroker	Ireland
Neilson	Sarah	wife	m	f	66		Ireland

Urie	Robert	lodger	m	m	50	power loom draper	Renfrew, Cathcart
Gardiner	Andrew	lodger	s	m	31	cotton carder	Lanark, Glasgow

These were the first listed inhabitants on the north side of Back Street. We believe the census started at the west end.

1857 Sold to Andrew Scott. Consisted of a plot with house of 20 ft and vacant plot with small shed or cow shed.

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : Andrew Scott, WS, Edinburgh owned (via D J Ewart, writer) a property in Gatehouse with annual rental value <£4, so occupants not declared.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 2 **Back 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	wr	m	42	quarryman	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	James	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	John	son	s	m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Jessie	dau		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Thomas	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Whan	William	head	m	m	36	wood cutter	Kbts, Kirkcowan
Whan	Dorothea	wife	m	f	26		Kbts, Gatehouse
Whan	John	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Whan	Dorothea	dau		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse

The 1861 census properties before this one were on Bank Street (now Victoria Street), so the only question was : on which side of the street did the enumerator start ?.

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 17 & 18 **Back Street 48**

<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	wr	m	52	labourer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	John	son	s	m	21	joiner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Henderson	Jessie	dau.	s	f	19	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Logan	Agnes	head	w	f	64		Wigtown, Isle of Whithorn

The next 1871 census properties were on Birtwhistle Street. It is the same Henderson family as in 1861.

1872 Sold by Andrew Scott, WS, Drummond Place, Edinburgh to David Lidderdale, stone dyker.

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll : David Lidderdale, carter, Gatehouse owned and occupied a property in Catherine Street.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 7 **Back Street (N) 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>
Lidderdale	David	head	m	m	69	carter	Kbts, Minnigaff
Lidderdale	Charlotte	wife	m	f	69		Perth

The deeds record of 1872 says the property was sold to David Lidderdale. The 1878-79 valuation roll confirmed that Lidderdale did own a property in Catherine Street, but his occupation changed from stone dyker to carter.

1881 David Lidderdale died in Dumfries.
1884 Charlotte Lidderdale died in Girthon.

1884-85 Girthon Valuation Roll : John Lidderdale, mason, Dronfield Terrace, Workington, owned a house, garden and offices in Catherine Street, that was occupied by James Lidderdale, carter.

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 14 **Catherine Street 46**

<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>
Lidderdale	James	head	m	m	46	carting contractor	Kbts, Gatehouse
Lidderdale	Annie	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Girthon
Chesney	James	servant	s	m	24	lorry man	Kbts, Girthon

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2 Catherine 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>
Lidderdale	James	head	m	m	58	carting contractor	Kbts, Gatehouse
Lidderdale	Annie	wife	m	f	37		Kbts, Gatehouse
Lidderdale	Jeanie H	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 1 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>
Lidderdale	James	head	m	m	68	carting contractor	Kbts, Girthon
Lidderdale	Annie	wife	m	f	47		Kbts, Girthon
Chesney	James	visitor	m	m	42	store assistant	Kbts, Girthon
Chesney	Janet	visitor	m	f	49		Ayr, Girvan
Livingstone	Margaret J	boarder	s	f	28	milliner	Ayr, Galston

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll : James Lidderdale, carting contractor, owned and occupied a house and offices in Catherine Street.

1919 James Lidderdale died in Girthon.

1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll : Annie Lidderdale, widow, owned and occupied a house and offices in Catherine Street.

1927 Annie Lidderdale died in Girthon.

1930 Sold by David Lidderdale, Stone, Staffordshire, grandson of David Lidderdale to Mrs Gordon Chesney or Hutchison

1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll : [Mrs] Gordon Hutchison, widow, owned and occupied a house and offices at 33 Catherine Street (*was this a typo that should have been 53 ?*).

1937 Passed to Alice Hutchison or Welsh

1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll : Mrs Alice Welsh of Lochfoot, Dumfries, owned a house and offices at 33 Catherine Street. The property was occupied by Gordon Heron, fishmonger. *Charles J Henry also owned a house at 33 Catherine Street. Is the entry for Alice Welsh merely replicating the typo error of the 1930-31 Valuation Roll ?*

1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll : Mrs Alice Welsh of 14 Moat Drive, Lochfoot, Dumfries, owned a house and offices at 33 Catherine Street. The property was occupied by Gordon Heron, garage attendant.

1954 Sold to James Gordon and Agnes Heron

1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll : Mrs Agnes Heron and James Heron, owned and occupied the house and offices at 53 Catherine Street.

This confirms that the Valuation Rolls incorrectly referred to this property as no.33 instead of no.53 from 1930 to 1950.

1980 Sold by trustees of Agnes Heron, widow of Gordon Heron to Mrs Hilary Austin.

1994 Sold to Nigel and Helen Nichol

Sold to Jo Bradshaw

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