

2 Catherine Street



◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1783	<u>2 to 10 Catherine Street</u> were all feued to John McCoskrie, postmaster in Gatehouse, measuring 185 ft along the street. No.2 may have been sold separately for the first time in 1866.
1788 ?	Sold to William Hannay of Bargaly
1823	New charter to William McNish
1824	Sold to Alexander Cairns, joiner
1833	Passed to Nicholas McNish, wife of Alexander Cairns

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<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>
Gaw	Ann			f	55	cotton manufacturer	Kirkcudbrightshire

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McClure	Christiana	head	w	f	64	proprietor of houses	Kbts, Girthon
McClure	Charles J	son	s	m	42	unemployed invalid	Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Mary M	g-dau.		f	6	scholar	Lanark, Glasgow
Nairn	Mary	visitor	s	f	35	domestic duties	Kbts, Girthon
Duncan	Janet	head	w	f	80	cotman's widow	Kbts, Rerrick
Duncan	Sarah	dau.	s	f	47	dressmaker	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Houston	Samuel	head	m	m	63	carter	Wigtown, Stoneykirk
Houston	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	63		Wigtown, Kirkmaiden
Houston	Helen	dau.	s	f	24	house serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse
Houston	Alexander	son	s	m	18	town labourer	Kbts, Gatehouse

1854	Title of Christina McNish or McClure
1854	<i>The 1854 map suggests that nos 2 & 4 Back Street were small detached properties whilst nos. 6, 8 & 10 were a terrace of houses.</i>

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :

Mrs Christina McClure owned 4 separate properties in Gatehouse. She owned a house, shop, garden, & backhouse that was occupied by James Douglas. She also owned 2 houses with gardens occupied by (1) Charles James McClure and (2) Elizabeth Wright. She also owned a property with <£4 annual rent.

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Maclure	Charles	head	s	m	52	Ret'd sugar planter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Maclure	Christiana	mother	m	f	73	property owner	Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Mary M	niece	s	f	16		Lanark, Glasgow
Walker	Janet	servant	s	f	18	servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

1866 **Nos. 2 to 8 Catherine Street** sold to Robert McMiken, High Creoch and his wife Grace Gemmill

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 11 Back Street 22

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Smith	William	head	wr	m	70	retired millwright	Kbts, Creetown
Smith	Janett	dau.	s	f	30	grocer	Kbts, Girthon
Kelly	John	boarder	s	m	31	master saddler employing 2 men	Kbts, Anwoth
Henry	James	boarder	s	m	18	saddler	Kbts, Borgue
Scott	William	head	wr	m	62	agricultural labourer	Dumfries, Hoddam

Robert & Grace McMiken were living at High Creoch

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll :

1881 Grace Gemmill or McMicken sold **No.2** to Samuel Williamson, merchant, Liverpool. At that time No.2 was occupied by Joseph Tait, painter

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Houston	Helen	head	s	f	51	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Houston	Lizzie	head	s	f	19		Kbts, Gatehouse
Kenyon	Elizabeth	head	w	f	61		Wigtown, Wigtown

1888 Sold to Thomas Tait, painter 13 Effingham Rd, Piccadilly, London

1889 Sold to Alexander and Frances Kinna

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 8 Catherine Street 20

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McKinna	Alexander	head	m	m	48	painter	Kbts, Anwoth
McKinna	Frances	wife	m	f	51		England, Manchester
McKinna	Frederick	son		m	6	scholar	England, Ashton under Lyne

Kinna and McKinna are clearly interchangeable names.

1901 Title of Frances Dixon or Kinna

1901 Frances Dixon or Kinna, widow of Alexander Dixon, painter, Ashton-under-Lyne sold to Janet Brown or McLachlan

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 5 Catherine Street 26

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The property appears to be empty in 1901.

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District - Page -- Catherine Street --

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The property appears to be empty in 1911.

1918	Notarial instrument of Andrew Laurie, executor of Janet Brown or McLauchlan. <i>It looks like Mary Henry must have acquired no.2 Catherine Street sometime between 1918 and 1930, at a time when James & Jane Henry owned nos 4 & 6 Catherine Street. James & Jane had a daughter Mary.</i>
1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll :	Mary Henry, spinster, lived at 2 Catherine Street, but owned a property that was occupied by William McMurray, postman. <i>It looks like there is an error in the above valuation roll entry. Mary Henry maybe owned 2 Catherine Street but she was probably living with her parents James & Jane Henry at no 4 Catherine Street.</i>
1939	Sold by executor of Mary Henry, 4 Catherine Street to William McMurray. William McMurray and his wife Jean Aird had 6 children : Willie b.1918, Ian b.1920, Norman b.1922, Dorothy (Dolly) b.1925, David b.1929, Jean b.1932
1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll :	William McMurray, registrar, owned and occupied 2 Catherine Street.
1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll :	William McMurray, registrar, owned and occupied 2 Catherine Street.
1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll :	William McMurray, registrar, owned and occupied 2 Catherine Street.
1966	Inherited by Dorothy McMurray from her father William McMurray.
2012	Present owners (Jardine).

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