

## 32 Catherine Street



No 32

No.34

32 & 34 Catherine Street now form a single property (no.32).

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

<b>1771</b>	Feu to Samuel Ramsay, joiner, Gatehouse, 64 ft along street to west from James Porter's feu. <i>This feu included 30 &amp; 32 Catherine Street. James Porter's feu was 28 Catherine Street.</i>
<b>1774</b>	Part on west, now 32, sold to William McMinn, shoemaker, Gatehouse. <i>[Part on east, now 30, sold by Samuel Ramsay to Andrew McClure, Parks of Cally.]</i>
<b>1803</b>	Passed to Edward McMinn, shoemaker in Castle Douglas
<b>1828</b>	Title of children of John McMinn, cotton spinner in Gatehouse: Ann McMinn, servant to William McKie, major in the Honourable East India Company, Blackwood near Dumfries, Agnes McMinn or Harper, spouse of Robert Harper, Gatehouse, Mary McMinn or McCaig, spouse of John McCaig, Glen, half share of property.
<b>1828</b>	Sold to John McNish, Belfast, son of Robert McNish, merchant in Gatehouse.
	John Cairns

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#### Back Street 24

<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>
Cairns	John			m	35	mason	Kirkcudbrightshire
Cairns	Jane			f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cairns	Jane			f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cairns	John			m	10		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cairns	Elizabeth			f	6		Kirkcudbrightshire
Cairns	William			m	10m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Donaldson	George			m	23	mechanic	Scotland
McDonald	Donald			m	40	mechanic	Scotland

#### 1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 20

#### Back Street (South) 8

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Cairns	John	head	m	m	46	mason	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

Cairns	Jane	wife	m	f	45		Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	Jane	dau.	s	f	23	house serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	John	son	s	m	20	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	Eliza	dau.	s	f	16		Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	William	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	Alexander	son		m	6	scholar	Ireland
Cairns	Robert	son		m	3		Kbts, Gatehouse

**1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :** John Cairns, mason, owned and occupied a house, offices and garden in Gatehouse.

**1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 12** [Back Street 34](#)

<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>
Cairns	John	head	m	m	30	master builder emp 11	Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	Mary	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Girthon
Cairns	Elizabeth	sister	s	f	26		Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	William	brother	s	m	20	bank accountant	Kbts, Gatehouse
Cairns	Alexander	brother	s	m	16	builder apprentice	Ireland
Cairns	Robert	brother	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Garroway	Mary Ann	servant	s	f	18	domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 7 & 8** [Back Street 11](#)

<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>
Mason	Catherine	head	w	f	63		Ireland
Mason	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	23		Kbts, Anwoth
Boyle	John	g-son	s	m	16	labourer	Ayr, Irvine
Lamont	Thomas	lodger	s	m	38	labourer	Wigtown, Whithorn
Hyslop	John	head	m	m	29	shoemaker	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Hyslop	Amelia	wife	m	f	21		Kbts, Kirkcudbright

**1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mrs Mary Cairns and Andrew McLean owned (as trustees of the late John Cairns, builder) a property in Catherine Street which had annual rental <£4.

**1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 15** [Back Street \(S\) 12](#)

<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>
Mason	Catherine	head	w	f	75		Ireland
McKay	John	head	m	m	47	general labourer	Dumfries, Dumfries
McKay	Mary	wife	m	f	38		Wigtown, Kirkcinner
McKay	Hugh	son		m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	William	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	John	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	Thomas	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	Mary	dau.		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	Catherine E	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

*Mary Cairns was a widow living at Salamance Cottage with John jnr and James F.*

**1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 5** [Catherine 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>
McKay	John	head	m	m	57	general labourer	Dumfries, Dumfries
McKay	Mary	wife	m	f	47		Wigtown, Kirkcinner
McKay	John	son	s	m	18	groom	Kbts, Girthon
McKay	Thomas	son	s	m	16	wood turner	Kbts, Girthon
McKay	Mary	dau.		f	13	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McKay	Alice	dau.		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

McKay	Donald	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	David	head	m	m	34	molecatcher	Kbts, Kirkgunzeon
Johnston	Ann Jane	wife	m	f	29		Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	James	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Margaret Jane	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Mary Agnes	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Elizabeth	dau.		f	4	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	John	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Johnston	Violet	dau.		f	2m		Kbts, Girthon

*The above 2 families seem from the census transcription to have been living in the same property, but we believe it is more likely that the McKay family lived at no.32 whilst the Johnston family were at no.34.*

**1884-85 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Mrs Mary Cairns and Andrew McLean owned (as trustees of the late John Cairns, builder) houses and gardens in Catherine Street which had annual rental <£4.

**1895** Passed from Mary Fergusson or Cairns widow of John Cairns , builder, Gatehouse to John Cairns, ledger keeper in the Bank of Scotland, Lothbury, London.

**1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 8 Catherine Street 37**

<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>
McKay	John	head	m	m	66	stone breaker	Dumfries, Dumfries
McKay	Mary	wife	m	f	55		Wigtown, Kirkinner
McKay	Donald	son		m	15	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McKay	William	g-son		m	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Johnston	David	head	m	m	43	mole catcher	Kbts, Dalbeattie
Johnston	Ann	wife	m	f	39		Kbts, Gatehouse
Johnston	Mary A	dau.		f	15	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse
Johnston	John	son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Johnston	Violet	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Johnston	David T	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

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**1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 11 Catherine Street**

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McKay	Mary	head	w	f	67	private means	Wigtown, Kirkinner
McKay	Mary	dau.	s	f	33	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon

**1937** Sold by Jane Muirhead or Cairns, Salamanca Cottage to James McMinn, Wallasey, Cheshire

**1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McMinn, Wallasay, owned and occupied a house in Catherine Street.

**1945** Passed from James McMinn to John McMinn and himself equally

**1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll :** James McMinn, owned and occupied 32 Catherine Street.

**1952** Inherited by Samuel McMinn, 22 Catherine Street and sold by him to Jane McMinn or Samways and Mrs Maggie Hogg or Patterson wife of Robert Patterson 18 Catherine Street

**1959** Edgar Paterson now 18 Catherine Street sold to Thomas Allen

**1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll :** Thomas P Allen, 6 Rossett Drive, Harrogate, owned and occupied 32 Catherine Street.

**1984** Sold by Bertha Allen to Mr and Mrs Williamson.  
present owner

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