

## 38 Catherine Street



No.38 is on the south side of Catherine Street, at the corner with Digby Street

There have been, and may still be one or more rooms at the back of this house which has been incorporated into the adjoining house in Digby Street.

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

<b>1771</b>	Feu Charter to John Bell, bricklayer in Gatehouse 63 feet along street <i>(i.e. Nos.36 &amp; 38)</i>
<b>1807</b>	Inherited by John Bell, pawnbroker in Belfast
<b>1807</b>	Sold to William Donaldson 30 ft in front. <i>36 &amp; 38 Catherine Street are now separately owned.</i>
<b>1816</b>	Bond by William Donaldson to John McClure
<b>1820</b>	Sold by him to William Stodhart, blacksmith

#### 1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Pages 10 & 11

#### Back Street 18 & 19

<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>
Snodgrass	Peter			m	38	cabinet maker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Snodgrass	Jannet			f	33		Scotland
Snodgrass	William			m	12		Scotland
Snodgrass	Jannet			f	9		Scotland
Snodgrass	James			m	7		Scotland
Snodgrass	Peter			m	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
Snodgrass	Robert			m	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Snodgrass	Margaret			f	9m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Birket	Margaret			f	30	washer woman	Kirkcudbrightshire
Campbell	Eliza			f	12		Kirkcudbrightshire
Birket	James			m	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Birket	Henry			m	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
Birket	Alexander			m	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
Smith	Rosey			f	68		Ireland

*The above are the first entries after the Walker family at the top of Digby Street. We think the enumerator was heading east on the south side of Catherine Street (Back Street).*

<b>1849</b>	Title of Mary Stodhart and Janet Stodhart as heirs of William Stodhart , their grandfather. By that time the plot was only 85 ft from north to south, the south part being sold to Jean Stodhart, spouse of Martin McAdam,
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	innkeeper and then to Robert Purdie her son.
<b>1849</b>	Sold to John Sproat by Mary Stodhart or Dunn, spouse of Peter Dunn, gardener, Barwhinnock.

<b>1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 22</b>							<b>Back Street (South) 12</b>
<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>
Donelly	Bernard	head	m	m	59	farm labourer	Ireland
Donelly	Margaret	wife	m	f	49		Kbts, Girthon
Donelly	John	son	s	m	24		Kbts, Urr
Donelly	Ellen	dau.	s	f	22	sewer or flowerer	Kbts, Urr
Donelly	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	16	scholar	Kbts, Urr
Donelly	Jessy	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Urr
Irving	John	head	m	m	30	cotton factory worker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Irving	Janet	wife	m	f	28		Wigtown, Penninghame
Irving	James	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Irving	Robert	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

*The above families occupied the last house in Back Street before the enumerator went down Digby Street*

<b>1853</b>	John Sproat, son of John Sproat, sold to Thomas Campbell.
<b>1858</b>	Sold to John McCallum, parochial schoolmaster of Penninghame.

<b>1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll :</b>	John McCallum, teacher, Newton Stewart, owned a single property in Girthon, (which must be 38 Catherine Street), but its annual rent was <£4 so the occupants are not named.
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<b>1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 13</b>							<b>Back Street 37</b>
<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>
Stott	James	head	m	m	51	cotton weaver	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	Ann	wife	m	f	45		Dumfries, Dumfries
Stott	John	son	s	m	23	joiner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	James	son	s	m	19	bobbin turner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	Charles	son	s	m	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	Catherine	dau	s	f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McDowall	Elizabeth	lodger	w	f	75	domestic servant	Wigtown, Leswalt ?
Hornel	John	head	s	m	53	cotton weaver	Kbts, Gatehouse
Hornel	Jane	sister	s	f	56		Kbts, Gatehouse
Montgomery	James	nephew	s	m	22	cabinet maker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Miller	William	head	m	m	47	shoemaker j'man	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Miller	Margaret	wife	m	f	46		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Miller	Douglas	son	s	m	15	bobbin turner app.	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Miller	Mary B	dau	s	f	9	scholar	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Miller	Thomas J	son	s	m	6	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Miller	David	son	s	m	3		Kbts, Girthon

*The above families occupied the last house in Back Street before the enumerator went along Digby Street.*

*There appear to be more properties than families in this part of Back Street, and although 38 Catherine Street is not a small house we believe that one of the families, say the Stotts, could have lived at no.36*

<b>1864</b>	Duncan McCallum inherited from his brother.
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<b>1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 7</b>							<b>Back Street 08</b>
<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>
Paton	Mary	head	w	f	57	farmer's widow	Kbts, Crossmichael
Hornal	John	head	s	m	59	gardener	Kbts, Gatehouse
Hornal	Jane	sister	s	f	62		Kbts, Kells

*The enumerator went from Victoria Street, along the south side of Back Street as far as its eastern end, then returned the whole length of the north side, a total of 48 properties. We think that property designated "08" was No.38 Catherine Street and this is supported by the fact that John & Jane Hornel lived here in 1861 and 1871.*

<b>1880</b>	Sold by Margaret McCallum or Gourlay and Duncan McCallum, London to William Cairns <i>In 1881 William Cairns, bank agent, lived in High Street.</i>
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<b>1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 16</b>		<b>Back Street (S) 15 &amp; 16</b>					
<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>
<b>Back Street (S) 15</b>							
Brown	Margaret	head	s	f	65	grocer	Kbts, Twynholm
Allan	Elizabeth	head	m	f	40	licensed pedlar	Wigtown, Stranraer
Allan	Agnes	dau	m	f	19		Lanark
Allan	Maggie	dau		f	14		Kbts, Urr
Allan	Barnet	son		m	4		Kbts, Urr
Marshall	John	head	m	m	56	sawyer	Kbts, Dalbeattie
Marshall	Jane	wife	m	f	56		Kbts, Gatehouse
Alexander	Agnes	head	s	f	60	washerwoman	Kbts, Girthon
Orr	John	head	wr	m	72	retired gardener	Kbts, Gatehouse

*In 1881 the enumerator went from the top of Digby Street (Cross Street) past 7 properties on the south side of Catherine Street (Back Street) until he reached Victoria Street. He went down the east side of Victoria Street, then the west side and ended up at the west end of the north side of Catherine Street. He then did the whole of the north side of Catherine Street, crossed the road and then completed Catherine Street as far as Digby Street.*

*The above people are the last 2 families who lived in Catherine Street. It is our guess that they shared a house.*

<b>1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 5</b>		<b>Catherine Street 8</b>					
<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>
Oliver	Robert	head	m	m	49	grocer	Dumfries, Dumfries
Oliver	Agnes	wife	m	f	50	grocers wife	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Belford	John	nephew	s	m	21	sailor	Kbts, Gatehouse

*Robert Oliver owned a grocer's shop at 38 Catherine Street. We don't know whether he initially rented the property or whether it just took until 1894 to complete the paperwork.*

<b>1894</b>	Sold to Robert Oliver.
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<b>1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 8</b>		<b>Catherine Street 39</b>					
<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>
Oliver	Robert	head	m	m	60	grocer	Dumfries, Dumfries
Oliver	Agnes	wife	m	f	61		Kbts, Kirkcudbright

<b>1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 11</b>		<b>Catherine Street</b>					
<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>
Oliver	Robert	head	m	m	70	grocer	Dumfries, Dumfries
Oliver	Agnes	wife	m	f	72		Kbts, Kirkcudbright

<b>1914</b>	Passed from trustees of late Robert Oliver to Agnes Belford or Oliver, comprising two houses in Catherine St and two small houses and store in Digby St. extending back 85 ft 6 inches and 30 ft in breadth. Catherine Street property was (1) property previously of Duncan McCallum, (2) the property to the West, subject to the new charter to John Harper.
<b>1914</b>	Passed to John Belford
<b>1920</b>	Sold to Maxwell Palmer
<b>1925</b>	Sold by Trustees of Maxwell Palmer to Robert Henry, junior,
<b>1931</b>	Plot in Digby St. sold by Robert Henry to the Dalbeattie Electric Light and Power Co.
<b>1944</b>	Sold by Robert Henry to Mrs E Murray Usher

<b>1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll :</b>	Mrs Elizabeth Murray Usher owned occupied 38 Catherine Street which was occupied by Thomas McIntyre, dairyman.
<b>1951</b>	Sold to Philip Thomas
<b>1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll :</b>	Philip H Thomas owned and occupied 38 Catherine Street.
<b>1960</b>	Digby St. property sold by Philip Thomas to Mrs E Murray Usher
<b>1971</b>	Sold by Philip Thomas to Alexander McAdie, Laurieston Rd, Gatehouse.
<b>1972</b>	Sold to Robert and Annie McDonald.
<b>2012</b>	for sale

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