

52 Catherine Street



N.B. The similarly-sized house to the left (east) of this house is No.48 so clearly no.50 does not exist today. There have been various references to no.50 but we are not sure exactly which building it was part of. Either both or part of both 48 & 52 have been used as a lodging house, and who lived in which building is difficult to infer.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1777	Feu to John McTaggart, tailor, Gatehouse.
1809	John Clark, formerly weaver, Whitehill, passed to daughters Elizabeth and Janet Clark and to James Clark his son.

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Pages 14 & 15							Back Street 66 to 68	
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	
Sproat	Agnes			f	60	dyer	Kirkcudbrightshire	
Clark	Janet			f	71	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire	
McKee	Moses			m	53	hand loom weaver	Ireland	
McKee	Ann			f	52		Ireland	
Dowlen	James			m	20	cotton spinner	Kirkcudbrightshire	
Dowlen	Mary			f	16	hand loom weaver	Kirkcudbrightshire	
Dowlen	Catherine			f	11		Kirkcudbrightshire	
Dowlen	Margaret			f	10		Kirkcudbrightshire	
McLashlan	Peter			m	30	hawker	Ireland	
McLashlan	Arther			m	25		Ireland	
McLashlan	Hellen			f	22		Ireland	
McLashlan	James			m	11m		England	
Robinson	James			m	36	hawker	Ireland	

Robinson	Helen	f	34		Ireland
Robinson	James	m	10		England
Robinson	Mary	f	7		England
Robinson	Hellen	f	1		England
Robinson	Hugh	m	62	cuttler	Ireland
Murray	Isabella	f	15	lodger	England
Ginsey	Elizabeth	f	20	lodger	Ireland

It is possible that the above Janet Clark was daughter of John Clark per 1809 deeds record.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 26							Back Street (South) 6	
<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>	
Henry	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	40	labourer's wife & seamstress	Wigtown, Sorbie	
Henry	John	son	s	m	16	(imbecile)	Kbts, Creetown	
Boddan	Margaret	head	s	f	58	annuitant	Kbts, Anwoth	
Peacock	John	visitor	s	m	61	stone mason	Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham	

It seems a little strange that so many people were living in this house in 1841 and yet so few in 1851 & 1861..

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : *Nobody with surname Clark is listed as owning a property in Girthon.*

1861 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>	
Neilson	Alexander	head	m	m	76	barber	Ireland	
Neilson	Margaret	wife	m	f	70		Kbts, Anwoth	

1866	John Boddan, of Tuckersmith , County of Huron [<i>Ontario, Canada</i>], heir of James Clark, his uncle.
1866	Passed to Margaret Boddan or Nelson, his sister in life rent

Margaret Boddan lived here in 1851 but she is not in Girthon or Anwoth for the 1861 census..

1870	Passed to Robert Hornsby
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1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 5							Back Street 03 (Lodging House)	
<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	John	head	m	m	57	burgh officer	Kbts, Girthon	
Stott	Catherine	wife	m	f	50	lodging house keeper	Lanark, Glasgow	
Stott	Catherine	dau.	s	f	17		Kbts, Girthon	
Stott	John	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Tongland	
Hardris	Harriet	g-dau.		f	3		England	
Anderson	John	lodger	wr	m	67	collier	Ireland	
Burns	William	lodger	s	m	64	labourer	Ireland	
McGregor	Frederick	lodger	wr	m	46	boot cleaner	Edinburgh	
Kennedy	Henry	lodger	wr	m	40	tinsmith	Ayr, Kilmarnock	
Stevens	Frederick	lodger	m	m	30	seaman	England	
Stevens	Jane	lodger	m	f	27	hawker	England	

It appears that John & Catherine Stott ran a lodging house in 1871, and that this probably took up some if not all of what is now 48 & 52 Catherine Street, including what might have been 50 Catherine Street. The census suggests that the Stotts were lodging house keepers in 1881 and that they were superseded by the McNeils in 1891.

We have no means of knowing who might have lived in each building but we have assumed that the family running the lodging house lived at no.48, whilst the lodgers predominantly occupied no.52.

1877	Made over to James Ainslie wine merchant, Leith.
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Something must have happened to this transfer as executors of Robert Hornsby sold the property 10 years later.

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll : Robert Hornsby, Loch Maree Hotel, Rossshire, owned a single property in Girthon, but the annual rental was <£4 so the occupants are not named.

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 4 & 5 Back Street (S) 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>
Stott	John	head	m	m	67	general labourer & lodging house keeper	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	Catherine	wife	m	f	60		Lanark, Glasgow
Hadras	Annie	g-dau		f	13		England
Oliver	Sarah	boarder		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Oliver	Mary	boarder		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGhie	Samuel	lodger		m	36	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
Roy	John	lodger	s	m	80	general labourer	Kbts, Tongland
Wood	Hugh	lodger	m	m	47	general labourer	Ireland
Wood	Grace	lodger	m	f	45		Wigtown, Portpatrick
Wood	Samuel	lodger		m	12		Wigtown, Kirkinner
Wood	Mary	lodger		f	10		Wigtown, Stranraer
Wood	Sarah	lodger		f	8		Wigtown, Stranraer
Wood	Rasan	lodger		f	5		Wigtown, Whithorn
Brown	Joseph	lodger	wr	m	71	general labourer	Ireland
Ran	Mary	lodger	w	f	64		Ireland
McArthur	Mary	lodger	w	f	58		Perth, Kincardine
Donely	John	lodger	wr	m	59	general labourer	Ireland
Hannah	William	lodger	wr	m	55	general labourer	Ireland
McGuire	John	lodger	m	m	54	general labourer	Ireland
McGuire	Jane	lodger	m	f	50		Ireland
Kirk	John	lodger	s	m	74	general labourer	England
Stott	John	lodger	wr	m	44	plumber	Kbts, Gatehouse

We have assumed that the names in grey lived at no.48 Catherine Street.

1887 Sold by executors of Robert Hornsby, hotel keeper, Tarbert, Harris to William Campbell, blacksmith

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

<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>
McNeil	William	head	m	m	49	general labourer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Janet	wife	m	f	48	lodging house keeper	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	William	son	s	m	23	agricultural labourer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	James	son	s	m	17	wood sawyer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Elizabeth	dau.		f	15	general servant dom.	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Lauchlan	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	John	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Agnes	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Girthon
Robinson	Charles	boarder	s	m	47	general labourer	Moray, Dales
McRory	John	boarder	s	m	77	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland
McDade	Peter	boarder	s	m	87	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland, Tyrone
McKelvie	Edward	boarder	s	m	82	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland
Carrol	William	boarder	s	m	30	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Glasgow, St.John
Wilson	Mary	boarder	s	f	60	vagrant	Ayr, St.Quivox
Briggs	William	boarder	s	m	58	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham
Martin	Sarah	boarder	s	f	56	vagrant	England, Carlisle

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1895-96 Girthon Valuation Roll :

William B Campbell, blacksmith, Fleet Street, owned 7 properties in Catherine Street. Occupants were (1) Janet Armstrong, spinster, (2) [William Capstick, turner](#), (3) William Hay, labourer, (4) James Nicholson, carrier, (5) James Stewart, 'bus proprietor, (6) John McKay, labourer, (7) David Johnstone, labourer.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 9 Catherine Street 45

<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>
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It appears that 52 Catherine Street might have been unoccupied at the time of the 1901 census..

1901-02 Girthon Valuation Roll :

William B Campbell, blacksmith, Fleet Street, owned 7 properties in Catherine Street. Occupants were (1) Janet Armstrong, spinster, (2) William Capstick, turner, (3) Police Commissioners for Gatehouse, (4) William Hay, labourer, (5) James Stewart, 'bus proprietor, (6) John McKay, labourer, (7) David Johnstone, labourer.

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 13 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>
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Benson	John	head	m	m	66	retired wood hoop maker	England
Benson	Margaret	wife	m	f	63		Kbts, Kelton
Benson	Thomasina	dau.	s	f	26	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon
Patterson	Margaret	g-dau		f	6	school	England
Patterson	Bessie	g-dau		f	4		England
Benson	Ada	g-dau		f	3		Kbts, Girthon
Houston	John	nephew		m	14	mill worker	England
Copland	Jeanie	boarder	s	f	21	draper's assistant	Kbts, Girthon

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll :

William B Campbell, blacksmith, Fleet Street, owned 7 properties in Catherine Street. One of these was occupied by [John Benson](#), grocer.

1916	Title of Nicholas Jane Milroy
1942	Sold to Robert Hope
1944	Inherited by Mary Hope
1944	Sold to Dorothy McWharrie
1960	Sold by Dorothy McWharrie now Lady Pigott to William Cowie, builder
1965 ?	James Neill

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