

56 Catherine Street



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54 & 56 Catherine Street remained under single ownership until T H McGaw, junior, inherited in 1906. Some time later he sold no.56 to Jessie Chesney, but paperwork and dates have been lost. A revised sale of no.56 to Jane McMinn or Samways was facilitated in 1926, and no.54 was sold to Samuel Black Corrie in 1927.

Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

date ? Feu of Samuel Crosbie 41 ft 9 inches (*54 & 56 Catherine Street*)

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Pages 15 & 16 [Back Street 71 & 72](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Carson | Ann | | | f | 45 | householder | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Carson | John | | | m | 10 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Brown | William | | | m | 33 | power loom tenter | Scotland |
| Brown | Margaret | | | f | 32 | | Scotland |
| Brown | Elizabeth | | | f | 16 | | Scotland |
| Brown | William | | | m | 14 | | Scotland |
| Brown | Alexander | | | m | 12 | | Scotland |
| Brown | James | | | m | 10 | | Scotland |
| Brown | Jasper | | | m | 8 | | Scotland |
| Brown | Francis | | | m | 6 | | Scotland |
| Brown | John | | | m | 3 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Brown | Robert | | | m | 1 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 26 & 27 [Back Street \(South\) 7](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Walker | Hugh | head | m | m | 57 | hand loom cotton weaver | Kbts, Girthon |
| Walker | Elizabeth | wife | m | f | 45 | | Ireland |

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|-----------|-----------|--------|---|---|----|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Walker | William | son | s | m | 18 | tailor app. | Kbts, Girthon |
| Walker | Moses | son | | m | 13 | scholar | Kbts, Girthon |
| Walker | Janet | dau. | | f | 8 | scholar | Kbts, Girthon |
| Walker | James R K | son | | m | 2 | | Kbts, Girthon |
| Skene | William | lodger | m | m | 54 | town labourer | Kbts, Kelton |
| Pitt | John | lodger | s | m | 23 | copper miner | Kbts, Kirkmabreck |
| McAnaly | Jane | head | w | f | 57 | labourer's widow & pauper | Ireland |
| McAnaly | Anne | dau. | s | f | 19 | house serv. | Ireland |
| McKendrie | John | head | m | m | 43 | town & country labourer | Ireland |
| McKendrie | Agnes | wife | m | f | 52 | | Ireland |
| McKendrie | William | son | s | m | 14 | scholar | Ireland |

The above families were living in the last property listed on the south side of Back Street before the enumerator visited Covent Garden at the top of Victoria Street.

Between Digby Street and Victoria Street there would have been four single storey and four 2-storey buildings. The enumerator referred to only 7 buildings and there were no empty properties so we think the above families would have lived in both 54 & 56 Catherine Street, which were treated as a single building.

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| 1854 | New charter to Thomas Kirkpatrick. |
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| 1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 16 & 17 | | | | | | | Back Street 44 |
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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> |
| McCutcheon | Hugh | head | m | m | 60 | farm servant | Ireland |
| McCutcheon | Agnes | wife | m | f | 59 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| McCutcheon | Elizabeth | dau | s | f | 15 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| McMiken | Margaret | head | w | f | 54 | dressmaker | Perth, Crieff |
| McMiken | Margaret | dau | s | f | 16 | housekeeper | Perth, Perth |
| McMiken | Lewis | son | s | m | 9 | Scholar | England |
| Dunbar | Isaac | head | m | m | 54 | road labourer | Ireland |
| Anderson | Isabella | wife | m | f | 57 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| McInauley | Janet | head | w | f | 60 | reel spinner & pauper | Ireland |
| McInauley | Anne | dau | s | f | 27 | dairymaid | Ireland |

The above families were living in the last property in enumeration district 3. We think that maybe they occupied both 54 & 56 Catherine Street. [The McInallys lived here in 1851].

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| 1862 | Creditors of Thomas Kirkpatrick sold to John McCallum, schoolmaster, Newton Stewart. |
| 1864 | Inherited by his brother Duncan McCallum |

| 1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 4 | | | | | | | Back Street 01 |
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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> |
| Edgar | Agnes | head | w | f | 50 | agricultural labourer | Kbts, Balmaghie |
| Edgar | Jane | dau. | s | f | 26 | domestic servant | Kbts, Balmaghie |
| McMeechan | Thomas | lodger | | m | 11 | scholar | Kbts, Twynholm |
| McMeechan | Grace | lodger | | f | 8 | scholar | Kbts, Twynholm |
| McMeechan | Alexander | lodger | | m | 5 | | Kbts, Twynholm |
| Edgar | Agnes Jane | g-dau. | | f | 5m | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| McCutcheon | Hugh | head | m | m | 64 | agricultural labourer | Ireland |
| McCutcheon | Agnes | wife | m | f | 64 | | Lanark, Glasgow |
| Dunbar | Isaac | head | m | m | 54 | mason's labourer | Ireland |
| Dunbar | Isabella | wife | m | f | 62 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |

This is the first property in Back Street after completing Victoria Street. Hugh & Agnes McCutcheon lived here in 1861, even though their ages are not consistent.

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| 1871 | Sold to James Hornsby junior, warehouseman, Glasgow |
| 1874 | Passed to his father, James Hornsby, bricklayer, Gatehouse |

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 5 [Back Street \(S\) 07](#)

| <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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| McQuarrie | Laughlena | head | s | f | 54 | agricultural labourer | Lanark, Glasgow |
| Gordon | Mary | dau | s | f | 22 | agricultural labourer | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Gordon | John | g-son | | m | 2 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Gordon | Agnes | g-dau | | f | 3days | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Gillone | Mary | head | w | f | 50 | | Kbts, Tongland |
| Gillone | John | son | s | m | 27 | sawyer | Kbts, Twynholm |
| Gillone | Robert | son | s | m | 21 | ironmonger assistant | Kbts, Twynholm |
| Gillone | Alexander | g-son | | m | 4 | | Kbts, Girthon |
| Blacklock | Margaret | head | w | f | 72 | | Kbts, Minnigaff |

This is the last property in Back Street before starting Victoria Street.

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 2 [Catherine Street 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> |
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| Coyle | Peter | head | m | m | 57 | general labourer | Ireland |
| Coyle | Margaret | wife | m | f | 59 | | Ireland |
| Davenport | William | g-son | | m | 5 | scholar | Kbts, Girthon |
| Coyle | Peter | g-son | | m | 4 | | Kbts, Girthon |
| Stewart | James | boarder | s | m | 16 | firewood dealer | Kbts, Girthon |
| Gillone | Mary | head | w | f | 60 | supported by family | Kbts, Tongland |
| Gillone | Alexander | g-son | | m | 13 | cabinet maker apprent. | Kbts, Girthon |
| Cairns | Thomas | g-son | | m | 3 | | England, Dalton in Furness |

This is the first property in Back Street after completing Victoria Street. Mary & Alexander Gillone lived here in 1881.

1895-96 Girthon Valuation Roll : Thomas Henry McGaw, builder, High Street, owned 3 properties and a stoneyard in Catherine Street. The property occupants were (1) Michael McGhie, sawyer, and (2) [Peter Coyle](#), labourer. The 3rd property was empty.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Pages 9 & 10 [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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Walker | Margaret | head | s | f | 39 | agricultural labourer | Wigtown, Glenluce |
| Walker | Alexander | son | s | m | 16 | agricultural labourer | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Walker | William | son | | m | 14 | scholar | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Bell | Mary | head | w | f | 85 | none | Kbts |
| Bell | Margaret | dau. | s | f | 38 | stocking knitter | Kbts, Gatehouse |

In 1901, the enumerator seems to have walked along the north side of Catherine Street from west to east, then crossed the road and come back to the west end on the south side. The above are the occupants of the last property in Back Street before starting Digby Street.

1901-02 Girthon Valuation Roll : Thomas Henry McGaw, builder, High Street, owned 2 properties and a stoneyard in Catherine Street. The property occupants were (1) [Margaret Walker](#), widow, and (2) [Mary Bell](#), widow.

1906 Passed from T H McGaw and others to T H McGaw, junior.

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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Anderson | James C | head | m | m | 33 | blacksmith & horse shoer | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Anderson | Mary | wife | m | f | 26 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Anderson | Mary J | dau. | | f | 1 | | Kbts, Girthon |

In 1911, the enumerator seems to have listed the last 9 properties at the west end of the south side of Catherine Street starting at the corner of Digby Street. The above family occupy the last house in Catherine Street, at the corner of Victoria Street.

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| 1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll : | Janet Stewart, wife of Charles Edward Stewart, postman, 90 Cricklewood Lane, London NW, owned a house in Catherine Street that was occupied by James C Anderson, blacksmith. |
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The above 2 records go together, but this property (and No.54) belonged to T H McGaw jnr.

Unless McGaw sold to Chesney and then Chesney sold to Stewart. But Chesney owned the property per 1930-31 VR and Samways owned it by the 1940-41 VR.

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| | Sold by T H McGaw to Jessie Chesney. |
| 1926 | Sold by T H McGaw to Jane McMinn or Samways. (The documents relating to the sale to Jessie Chesney had been lost so a new document had to be made up, with agreement of Mrs Chesney's heir Robert Chesney, hotel manager, Auckland, New Zealand.) |

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| 1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll : | Jessie Chesney, spinster, owned and occupied 56 Catherine Street. |
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| 1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll : | Mrs Jane Samways owned and occupied 56 Catherine Street. |
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| 1947 | Jane McMinn or Samways sold to Betty Petrie or Gray, caterer, East View. |
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| 1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll : | Alexander Gray and wife Betty owned and occupied 56 Catherine Street. |
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| 1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll : | Alexander Gray, with wife Betty, 7 Burns Park, Calderwood, East Kilbride, owned 56 Catherine Street, which was tenanted by Laura Dinsmore, widow. |
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| 1966 | Sold to James Johnstone. |
| 1989 | Sold by executors of Jessie Easton and others to Garland and Nicola Hunter. |
| 1991 | Sold to John and Mary Grant. |
| | Pene Richmond. |

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