## 43 High Street



45 & 43 High Street (43 has yellow window sills)

## **◄** Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ►

- 1781 Feu to Janet McRobin.
- 1784 Janet McRobin passed the property to her daughters Catherine McGeoch and Marion McGeoch.
- 1824 Elizabeth Brown or McGill, daughter of Catherine McGeoch passed her share of the property to William Bell, mercer, Gatehouse.
- 1825 William Bell passed the property to Jane McGeoch or Bell his spouse in life rent and to George Bell and Susan Bell.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory:** Jean Bell was a milliner & dressmaker in High Street.

| 1841 census    | Front Street 113 |      |      |            |            |                   |                    |
|----------------|------------------|------|------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Surname</b> | Forename(s)      | Rel. | Mar. | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Age</u> | <b>Occupation</b> | <b>Birthplace</b>  |
| Stewart        | William          |      |      | m          | 35         | tailor            | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Stewart        | Agnes            |      |      | f          | 35         |                   | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Stewart        | Hugh             |      |      | m          | 10         |                   | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Stewart        | Elizabeth        |      |      | f          | 5          |                   | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Stewart        | Agnes            |      |      | f          | 4          |                   | Kirkcudbrightshire |

1841 Sold by Jane McGeoch and children to John Hyslop, grocer, Gatehouse.

| 1851 census    | High Street N20 & 21 |         |      |            |            |                   |                          |
|----------------|----------------------|---------|------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Surname</b> | Forename(s)          | Rel.    | Mar. | <u>Sex</u> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Occupation</b> | <b>Birthplace</b>        |
| Hyslop         | John                 | head    | m    | m          | 49         | grocer            | Roxburgh, Hawick         |
| Hyslop         | Isabella             | wife    | m    | f          | 32         |                   | Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham |
| Hyslop         | David                | son     | S    | m          | 14         | scholar           | Kbts, Girthon            |
| Hyslop         | Robert               | son     |      | m          | 8          | scholar           | Kbts, Girthon            |
| Hyslop         | William              | son     |      | m          | 3          |                   | Kbts, Girthon            |
| Hyslop         | Janet                | dau.    |      | f          | 6m         |                   | Kbts, Girthon            |
| Graham         | Mary                 | servant | S    | f          | 14         | house serv.       | Kbts, Girthon            |
| Burgess        | Adam                 | lodger  | m    | m          | 39         | watchmaker        | Kbts, New Galloway       |
| Burgess        | Margaret             | lodger  | S    | f          | 15         |                   | Kbts, Castle Douglas     |
|                |                      |         |      |            |            |                   |                          |
| Campbell       | Margaret             | head    | W    | f          | 50         | annuitant         | Wigtown, Kirkmaiden      |

Campbell Jessie dau. s f 20 Kbts, Girthon

**1852 Slater's Directory:** John Hyslop was a shopkeeper & grocer in High Street.

1854 Sold by John Hyslop to Mrs Elizabeth Grieve, widow of Thomas Grieve, hosier, Moffat and Agnes Burbie, Creetown.

1859 Valuation Roll: Mrs Elizabeth Grieve owned a house and garden occupied by Edward Taylor, excise officer; plus a "writing office" occupied by WS & WD Alder Sutherland, writers. The transfer of this property to Elizabeth Grieve in 1854 suggests that this entryapplies to 43 High Street, but in the 1861 census Edward Taylor is living at High Street N25, and WS Sutherland is a banker at High Street N21.

| 1861 census Surname Murphy | High Street N19 & 20 Forename(s) Janet | <u><b>Rel.</b></u><br>head | Mar. | Sex<br>f | <u>Age</u><br>47 | Occupation house proprietor     | Birthplace Kbts, Twynholm |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|------|----------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Clark                      | Andrew                                 | lodger                     | s    | m        | 28               | minister of Gatehouse UP Church | Renfrew, Paisley          |
| Finlay                     | Andrew                                 | head                       | S    | m        | 49               | watchmaker                      | Kbts, Borgue              |

**1871 census** There may have been no occupants of this property at the time of the 1871 census.

1877 Sold by James Burbie to James Finlay, Liverpool.

**1878 Valuation Roll:** James Finlay owned a house and shop in High Street that was occupied by Miss Marion Ramsay. *Marion Ramsay was not living in Girthon in the 1871 census, and in 1881 she was a 37 year old dressmaker living with her aunt at Woodside.* 

**1881 census** There may have been no occupants of this property at the time of the 1881 census.

**1884 Valuation Roll:** James Finlay, a hotelkeeper from Birkenhead owned a house and garden in High Street that was occupied by Alexander Brain, labourer. An Isabella Finlay from Cheshire also owned a house and shop in High Street which was occupied by Miss Janet Hughan. *Neither occupier was living in Girthon at the time of the 1881 and 1891 censuses.* 

| 1891 census Surname McKill | High Street N17  Forename(s)  John Thomas | Rel.<br>head | Mar.<br>wr  | <u>Sex</u><br>m | <u>Age</u><br>26 | Occupation<br>watchmaker | Birthplace<br>Kbts, Kirkmabreck |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1901 census                | High Street 10                            |              |             |                 |                  |                          |                                 |
| <u>Surname</u>             | Forename(s)                               | <u>Rel.</u>  | <u>Mar.</u> | <u>Sex</u>      | <u>Age</u>       | <b>Occupation</b>        | <u>Birthplace</u>               |
| Hyslop                     | Mary                                      | head         | W           | f               | 65               | dec'd ploughmans wife    | Kbts, Crossmichael              |
| Hyslop                     | Mary                                      | dau.         | S           | f               | 23               | dec'd ploughmans dau.    | Kbts, Borgue                    |
| Riddick                    | Jessie                                    | niece        | S           | f               | 23               | dressmaker               | Kbts, Crossmichael              |

1902 Sold by Isabella Chaffers or Finlay to James Finlay.

| <b>1911</b> census | High Street |      |      |            |            |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------|------|------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Surname</b>     | Forename(s) | Rel. | Mar. | <b>Sex</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Occupation</b> | <b>Birthplace</b> |
| Walker             | James       | head | m    | m          | 28         | baker             | Kbts, Tongland    |
| Walker             | Lizzie Jane | wife | m    | f          | 25         |                   | Kbts, Gatehouse   |

**1912 Valuation Roll:** James Finlay from Birkenhead owned a house in High Street that was occupied by James Walker, baker.

1954 New charter for James Finlay from Mrs E Murray Usher as old deeds missing.

1954 Sold by James Finlay to Elizabeth McCoull.

**2003** Sold.