45 High Street

45 & 43 High Street *(45 has black window sills)*

◄ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ►

1781   Part of feu to Janet McRobin.

1784   Janet McRobin passed this and adjoining property (43) to her daughters Catherine and Marion McGeoch.

1791   Marion McGeoch passed her share to her husband William Brown.

1799   Catherine McGeoch sold the back part of her property to Alexander Birtwhistle, partner in the Birtwhistle Mills and it became incorporated in 47 High Street.

1817   Sold by Catherine McGeoch to Hugh McGaw, mason in Gatehouse.

1841 census   Front Street 112

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Polick	Hugh			m	40	tinsmith	Ireland
Polick	Ann			f	30		Ireland
Polick	Sarah			f	13		England
Polick	George			m	10		England
Polick	Mary			f	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Polick	Jessie			f	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
Polick	Ann			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Polick	Easter			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire

1847   Sold by Agnes McGaw spouse of William Stewart tailor to Andrew Finlay, watchmaker.

1851 census   High Street N19

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Finlay	Andrew	head	s	m	38	watchmaker	Kbts, Borgue

1852 Slater's Directory :   Andrew <u>Finlay</u> was a watchmaker in High Street.

1859 Valuation Roll   Andrew Findlay, merchant, owned and occupied a house and shop in High Street.

1861 census   High Street N20

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Finlay	Andrew	head	s	m	49	watchmaker	Kbts, Borgue

1865 Passed from Andrew Finlay to John Finlay, his brother, gardener, Liverpool.
1867 Passed from John Finlay to James Finlay, wine and spirit merchant, Liverpool.

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

1878 Valuation Roll James Finlay, owned a house & shop and a house & garden, both in High Street. The house & shop was occupied by Miss Marion Ramsay, the house & garden was occupied by Hugh Campbell, blacksmith. *No.45 was probably the house & garden.*

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

1882 Isabella Chaffers or Finlay owned the property

1884 Valuation Roll Isabella Finlay, from Cheshire, owned a house and shop in High Street that was occupied by Miss Janet Hughan.

1891 census High Street N16

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Fisher	John	head	m	m	49	tailor	Ireland
Fisher	Margaret	wife	m	f	55		Kbts, Tongland
Fisher	Alexander	son	s	m	27	tailor	Kbts, Girthon
Fisher	Henry	son	s	m	17	farm servant	Kbts, Girthon
Fisher	Jane	dau.	s	f	15	dressmaker apprent.	Kbts, Girthon
Fisher	George	g-son	s	m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Robert	boarder	s	m	20	tailor	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

1891 Sold to Isabella Clark.

1901 census *There may have been no occupants of this property at the time of the 1901 census*

1911 census *There may have been no occupants of this property at the time of the 1911 census*
It seems strange that Isabella Clark (spinster, nurse) owned this property for over 30 years, occupied it per the 2012 & 2020 Valuation Rolls, yet does not appear in the 1901 Girthon census and she appears to be living at Braeside in the 1911 census.

1912 Valuation Roll Isabella Clark, spinster & nurse, owned and occupied a house in High Street.

1924: Property made over by Isabella Clark to James Black Clark, her grand-nephew, son of John Clark, farmer, Clauchan of Girthon.
1971: James Black Clark sold to Isabella Millar or Kelso.
1980: Sold by Isabella Kelso, widow to David and Anne Twiname.
1983: Sold to Ian and Elizabeth Pringle.
1986: Sold to Archibald and Angela Plunkett.
1988: Sold to Maxwell and Graeme Williamson.
1990: Passed from Maxwell to Graeme Williamson
1995: Sold by Graeme Williamson to James Watson.
2002: Sold to Pat and Paul Jacques.
2008: Sold along with Bank o' Fleet hotel.

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