# 18 & 20 High Street: Chemist





Apothecaries Hall

Stark Chemist



This building is now owned by Boots the Chemist.

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

- 1767 Feu to William Inglis, merchant in Gatehouse. Original feu was 70 ft along street.
- **1825-6 Pigot & Co. Directory:** Thos. McCaa (transcribed McCan) of Front Street ran a Tavern & Public House.
- Inherited by Margaret Inglis widow of Andrew Stewart, mason, Gatehouse and Robert McCaa, son of Thomas McCaa, innkeeper, Gatehouse and Elizabeth Inglis, heirs of William Inglis their father and grandfather.
- 1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory: Peter Murray was a 'skinner' in Front Street. (he occupied this building per 1841 census).
- 1838 Inherited by Jean McCaa sister of Robert McCaa.

### 1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 6 Page 3 High Street (South) 14 & 15

<b>Surname</b>	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
Edgar	Thomas			m	50	male servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Edgar	Euphamia			f	44	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Inglish	Margaret			f	80		Kirkcudbrightshire
Murray	Peter			m	40	skinner	Kirkcudbrightshire

Murray Jane f 40 sewer Kirkcudbrightshire Murray John m 8 Kirkcudbrightshire

Above families allocated to 18 & 20 High Street simply because of the order in which they appeared in the 1841 census.

1843 Sold to Robert Martin Murdoch, merchant, Gatehouse.

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<u>Surname</u>	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
Murdoch	Robert	head	m	m	38	master bootmaker emp.3	Kbts, Girthon
Murdoch	Elisabeth	wife	m	f	32		Kbts, Dalry
Murdoch	Elisabeth	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Dalry
Murdoch	Mary	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Dalry
Beach	John	servant	S	m	16	bootmaker app.	Kbts, Anwoth
McLauchlan	Agnes	head	S	f	76	receives parochial relief	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	Margaret	head	w	f	42	house keeper	Wigtown, Kirkcowan
Whan	William	son	S	m	20	wood cutter	Wigtown, Kirkcowan
Whan	Elisabeth	dau.	S	f	17		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Whan	Jean	dau.	S	f	11	scholar	Kbts, Buittle
Whan	Samuel	son	S	m	9	scholar	Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	Margaret	dau.	S	f	7	scholar	Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	James	son	S	m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	George	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Brown	Samuel	head	m	m	73	receives parochial relief	Kbts, Borgue
Brown	Jane	wife	m	f	47	dressmaker	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

1852 Trustees of Robert Martin Murdoch.

## 1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 6 High Street (S) 08

<u>Surname</u>	Forename(s)	Rel.	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
Hall	John	head	S	m	42	chemist & druggist employing 2	Lanark, Glasgow
Stewart	Jean	boarder	w	f	76		Kbts, Girthon
Corlett (or Sayers)	Elenor	servant	W	f	64	domestic servant	Isle of Man, Kirk German

New charter to James Hall, chemist - <u>has continued as chemist's shop since then.</u>

[N.B. was this a mis-transcription? Should be John Hall]

**1878-9 Girthon Valuation Roll:** John Hall, druggist, owned and occupied a house, garden & shop in High Street.

## 1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 & 6 High Street (South) 06 & 07

<b>Surname</b>	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
Hall	John	head	m	m	52	chemist & drugist	Lanark, Glasgow
Hall	Margaret G	wife	m	f	33		Inverness, Uist
Hall	Donald G	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Hall	Isabella	dau		f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Clark	Isabella	servant	S	f	35	general servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

### 1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 5 High Street (S) 8

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	Sex	<u>Age</u>	Occupation	<u>Birthplace</u>
Sayers	Elinor	head	W	f	84		Isle of Man, Peel
Clark	Isabella	dau.	S	f	46	living on private means	Kbts, Girthon

### 1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 14 High Street 47

Stark	George M	nead	m	m	36	snopkeeper chemist & drugist	Kbts, Anwoth
Stark	Jessie	wife	m	f	36		Kbts, Creetown

Stark	Jessie G	dau.		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Agnes	servant	S	f	14	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Dalbeattie

1908 Sold by Trustees of John Hall to G M Stark, chemist

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 High Street

<b>Surname</b>	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<b>Sex</b>	Age	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
McConnel	William	head	m	m	40	solicitor	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McConnel	Mary	wife	m	f	35		Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McConnel	Margaret Birrell	dau.	S	f	4		Kbts, Girthon
Trainor	Jeannie Kennedy	servant	S	f	16	general servant (domestic)	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	George M	head	m	m	46	pharmacist	Kbts, Anwoth
Stark	Jessie	wife	m	f	46		Kbts, Creetown
Stark	Jessie Vernon	dau.	S	f	12	school	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	Ralph Sydney	son	S	m	9	school	Kbts, Girthon
Harvey	Isabella Walker	servant	S	f	19	general servant (domestic)	Kbts, Creetown
Caig	Robert	head	m	m	29	hairdresser	Kbts, Gatehouse
Caig	Georgina Isabella	wife	m	f	45	A	berdeen, Kinnethmont
Caig	Isabella Georgina Mary	dau.	S	f	7	school	Glasgow, Partick
Caig	Dorothy Arnott Janet	dau.	S	f	5	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Gaw	Martha	Visitor	S	f	15	general servant (dom.)	Wigtown, Stranraer

**1920-1 Stewartry P.O. Directory:** Geo. M Stark was a chemist in High Street

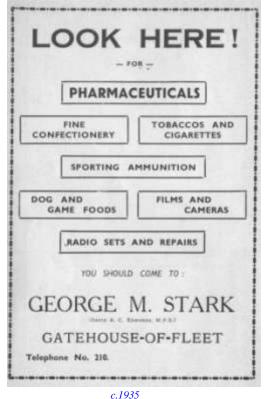
1970 Executors of Jessie Stark or Edwards sold to James L McCrindle and spouse

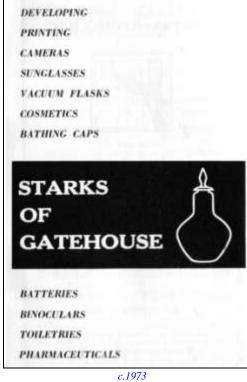
1989 Sold to Michael Ridgway.

Mr and Mrs Gilpin owned the property for a while.

20th Century adverts for Starks the Chemist

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