

51 Catherine Street



Nos. 51 & 49 Catherine Street

Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

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| 1781 | Feu to Samuel McKean included what are now 49 & 51 Catherine Street. Jointly owned until 1923, when 51 sold to William Maxwell and 49 inherited by Jessie & Edith Campbell. |
| 1786 | Title recorded |
| 1840 | James McKean, joiner in Manchester, grandson of Samuel McKean |
| 1840 | Sold to John Johnston, weaver, Gatehouse |

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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> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| McAdam | William | | | m | 40 | sawyer | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| McAdam | Elizabeth | | | f | 40 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| McAdam | James | | | m | 10 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| McAdam | John | | | m | 7 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| McAdam | Margaret | | | f | 5 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Connery | Robert | | | m | 46 | sailor | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| <i>unoccupied</i> | | | | | | | |
| Harper | William | | | m | 68 | carter | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Harper | Janet | | | f | 55 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Walker | William | | | m | 35 | shoemaker | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Walker | Eliza | | | f | 28 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Walker | Eliza | | | f | 3 | | Kirkcudbrightshire |
| Walker | Margaret | | | f | 6m | | Kirkcudbrightshire |

We believe John Johnston, owner of this property, lived next door at no. 49.

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| 1850 | John Johnston died at Gatehouse in March 1850, aged 64. His wife Jane pre-deceased him in 1842 aged 56. |
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1850 | Inherited by Alexander Johnston, farm servant at Bombie, Kirkcudbright, heir of John Johnston.

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Whan | John | head | m | m | 23 | wood cutter | Wigtown, Kirkcowan |
| Whan | William | wife | m | f | 23 | | Kbts, Crossmichael |
| Whan | Catherine | dau. | | f | 1 | | Kbts, Anwoth |
| Macadam | Alexander | head | s | m | 72 | schoolmaster | Kbts, Rerrick |
| Kennedy | John | head | m | m | 59 | master tailor | Dumfries, Moffat |
| Kennedy | Sarah | wife | m | f | 51 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Kennedy | Thomas | son | s | m | 16 | baker app. | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Kennedy | John | son | s | m | 14 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Kennedy | Jane | dau. | s | f | 10 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Kennedy | Elizabeth | dau. | | f | 8 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Kelvie | Jane | g-dau. | | f | 3 | | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Crawford | Elizabeth | lodger | s | f | 24 | power loom weaver | Perth, Perth |
| Mickle | Jane | lodger | s | f | 19 | power loom weaver | Lanark, Hamilton |

1859-60 Girthon Valuation Roll : Alexander Johnstone, servant, owned and occupied a house & garden and also owned a property with <£4 annual rent.

It is likely that the 2 properties were 49 & 51 Catherine Street. We have assumed that by 1859 Johnston lived at no. 51.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 2 [Back Street 02](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Johnston | Alexander | head | m | m | 60 | farm servant | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Johnston | Janet | wife | m | f | 58 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Johnston | John | g-son | | m | 8 | scholar | Kbts, Twynholm |
| Rigg | James | g-son | | m | 8 | scholar | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| McKinna | Alexander | g-son | | m | 5 | scholar | Kbts, Girthon |
| Charters | James | bro-in-l | s | m | 62 | farm labourer | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Hannay | Elizabeth | head | s | f | 45 | pauper | Kbts, Anwoth |
| Messenger | Agnes | dau | | f | 3 | | Kbts, Anwoth |

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 17 [Back Street 46 & 47](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Johnston | Alexander | head | m | m | 74 | agricultural labourer | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Johnston | Janet | wife | m | f | 66 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Rigg | James | g-son | s | m | 18 | | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| McKinna | Alex | g-son | s | m | 15 | shopman (ironmonger) | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Fitzpatrick | John | head | s | m | 33 | labourer | Ireland |
| Fitzpatrick | Susan | sister | s | f | 45 | (deaf & dumb from birth) | Ireland |

We have assumed that the Fitzpatricks shared this property with the Johnstons in order to give every family a home.

1878-79 Girthon Valuation Roll : [Alexander Johnston](#), farm servant, owned and occupied a house & garden in Catherine Street.

1880 | Inherited by Archibald Johnston, draper, Hull, heir of his father, Alexander Johnston

1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 7 [Back Street \(N\) 02](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Johnston | Jessie | head | s | f | 37 | annuitant | Kbts, Kirkcudbright |
| Johnston | Dora Duncan | niece | s | f | 14 | scholar | England, Hull |

1884-85 Girthon Valuation Roll : Archibald Johnston, draper, Trinity House Yard, Hull, owned a house & garden

in Catherine Street that was occupied by [Miss Jessie Johnston](#).

1887 Sold to William Black Campbell, blacksmith

1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 14 [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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Nicholson | James | head | m | m | 40 | railway carrier | Wigtown, Kirkcowan |
| Nicholson | Jessie | wife | m | f | 34 | | Ayr, Colmonell |
| Nicholson | James | son | | m | 13 | railway carrier | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Mary Kevan | dau. | | f | 12 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | John | son | | m | 11 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Maggie | dau. | | f | 9 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Lizzie | dau. | | f | 7 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Jeanie | dau. | | f | 5 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Alexander | son | | m | 4 | scholar | Wigtown, Penninghame |
| Nicholson | Robert | son | | m | 7m | | Kbts, Girthon |

This family are assumed to live at no.51 because they lived next to James Lidderdale who lived at no.53.

1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 2 [Catherine Street 02](#)

| <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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Hay | William | head | m | m | 38 | masons labourer | Kbts, Gatehouse |
| Hay | Mary | wife | m | f | 33 | | Wigtown, Whithorn |
| Hay | Lizzie J | dau. | | f | 8 | scholar | Kbts, Kirkmabreck |
| McCulloch | Thomas | f-in-law | wr | m | 58 | agricultural labourer (horses) | Wigtown, Whithorn |

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1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 1 [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> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Whannell | James | head | m | m | 35 | rabbit catcher | Wigtown, Glasserton |
| Whannell | Mary | wife | m | f | 35 | | Wigtown, Mochrum |
| Whannell | Mary H G | dau. | | f | 9 | school | Kbts, Anwoth |
| Whannell | Agnes | dau. | | f | 7 | school | Kbts, Borgue |
| Whannell | Margaret | dau. | | f | 6 | school | Kbts, Girthon |
| Whannell | Edith | dau. | | f | 5 | school | Kbts, Girthon |

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1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll :

William B Campbell, blacksmith, Fleet Street, owned 7 houses in Catherine Street. One of these was occupied by William Yates, carrier.

In 1911 William Yates was living at No.49 and he was listed as a tenant of W B Campbell in 1912-13. James Whannell is in No.51 in 1911, but was not listed as a tenant of W B Campbell in 1912-13.

1923 [No.51 sold](#) to William Maxwell. (Nos. 49 & 51 become separately-owned properties).

1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll : William Maxwell, pensioner, owned and occupied a house in Catherine Street.

1933 Inherited by Mary Wilson

1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll : No sign of property in Girthon owned by Mary Wilson.

1942 Janet Cameron

1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll : Janet Manson owned and occupied the house at 51 Catherine Street..

1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll : Janet Manson owned and occupied the house at 51 Catherine Street..

1977 Sold by trustees of Mrs Janet Cameron or Manson to Nigel Nichol and Helen Nichol

2004 Passed to Sandra and John Carter and Stuart Nichol

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