40 Catherine Street



Catherine Street looking East: Nos. 40 & 42 were demolished in 1933

◆ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy

1771	Feu to David McTaggart, tailor at Gatehouse					
1834	Inherited by Samuel McTaggart, tailor in Gatehouse, from his father					
1834	Sold to Thomas Kirkpatrick, draper in Gatehouse.					

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 13						Back Street 55 & 56		
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	
Unoccupied p	part							
Taggart	Samuel			m	69	tailor	Kirkcudbrightshire	

In 1841 the enumerator visited Back Street in 3 separate blocks: east end, central, and west end. Unfortunately Cross Street was used as a name for both Digby Street and Victoria Street. Before recording the west end block the enumerator entered details for 10 properties on Cross Street. We have assumed that these were those in Victoria Street and that he completed the west end of Back Street by starting at the south side, making his way up to Digby Street, then crossing Back Street and returning on the north side to finish at no.55.

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 24						Back Street (South) 1			
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	Age	Occupation	Birthplace		
McGaw	Robert	head	m	m	33	mason	Kbts, Girthon		
McGaw	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	33		Kbts, Girthon		
McGaw	Mary	dau.		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Girthon		
McGaw	Margaret	dau.		f	7	scholar	Ireland		
McGaw	Robert	son		m	9m		Kbts, Girthon		
McLellan	Robert	head	m	m	36	shoemaker	Kbts, Crossmichael		
McLellan	Janet	wife	m	f	32		Kbts, Urr		
McLellan	Elizabeth	dau.		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Urr		
McLellan	Jane	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Urr		
McLellan	Samuel	son		m	3		Kbts, Girthon		
McLellan	John W	son		m	1		Kbts, Girthon		

1861 Girthon Ce	ensus - Enumerat	ion District	Back Street 38				
<u>Surname</u>	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	Occupation	Birthplace
McCutcheon	Agnes	head	S	f	26	grocer	Kbts, Girthon
McGarvie	Elizabeth	boarder	S	f	4		Ayr, Kilmarnock
McGaw	Robert	head	m	m	43	mason & stone dyker	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Eliza	wife	m	f	43		Wigtown, Wigtown
McGaw	Mary	dau	S	f	18		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Robert	son	S	m	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Eliza	dau	S	f	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Jane	dau	S	f	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McGaw	Lydia	dau	S	f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse

This is the same McGaw family that lived here in 1851.

1871 Girthon (1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 6 & 7 Back Street 07								
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace		
McGaw	Robert	head	m	m	53	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	53		Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Robert	son	S	m	20	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Jane	dau.	S	f	15	apprentice dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Lydia	dau.		f	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse		
Oliver	Robert	head	m	m	30	sailor	Dumfries, Dumfries		
Oliver	Agnes	wife	m	f	30		Kbts, Kirkcudbright		

This is the same McGaw family that lived here in 1851 & 1861.

1881 Girthon C	1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 3 Back Street (S) 01								
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	Age	Occupation	Birthplace		
Miller	Jessie	head	w	f	40	flowerer & seamster	Kbts, Girthon		
Walker	Elizabeth	mother	W	f	70	Wi	gtown, Newton Stewart		
McGaw	Robert	head	m	m	63	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	63		Wigtown, Wigtown		
McGaw	Robert	son	S	m	30	mason	Kbts, Gatehouse		
McGaw	Lydia	dau	S	f	23		Kbts, Gatehouse		

This is the same McGaw family that lived here in 1851, 1861 & 1871.

1891 Girthon C	1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 4 Catherine Street 7								
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace		
Bertram	William	head	m	m	31	bobbin turner	England		
Bertram	Jane	wife	m	f	26		Kbts, Gatehouse		
Bertram	Henry	son		m	4m		Kbts, Gatehouse		
Johnston	James	head	m	m	25	farm servant	Kbts, Anwoth		
Johnston	Jane	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Dalry		
Johnston	Mary Jane	dau.		f	7m		Kbts, Gatehouse		

This is No.7. No.8 is occupied by Robert Oliver who owned the grocers shop on the east corner of Digby Street.

1891 New Charter to Margaret Shaw or Belford widow of Charles Belford,

1901 Girthon C	1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 8 Catherine Street 40							
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	
Brown	William	head	m	m	75	retired tenter	Lanark, Glasgow	
Brown	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	73		Kbts, Gatehouse	

1911 Girthon C	ensus - Enumeratio	on District	Catherine Street				
Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	<u>Sex</u>	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
McCreadie	James	head	m	m	31	estate forester	Wigtown, Garlieston
McCreadie	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	33		Kbts, Girthon
McCreadie	Janet Jane	dau.		f	6	school	Kbts, Ringford
McCreadie	Isabella	dau.		f	4		England
McCreadie	Cecil	son		m	2		England
McCreadie	John	son		m	9 mth	ıs	Kbts, Girthon
McQuarrie	William	head	m	m	24	mine timberer	Kbts, Girthon
McQuarrie	Janet	wife	m	f	19		Kbts, Rerrick
McQuarrie	Mary	dau.		f	3 mth	ıs	Kbts, Girthon

This is the first house in Catherine Street after the enumerator had finished Digby Street.

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll:	Margaret Belford, widow, grocer, owned a house in Catherine Street which might well be No.40. It was occupied by Thomas Sanders, dairyman.
1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll:	Margaret Belford, widow, grocer, 35 King Street, Maxwellton, owned a house in Catherine Street which might well be No.40. It was occupied by William Myles, baker.
1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll:	Representatives of Margaret Belford owned an unoccupied house in Catherine Street which might well be No.40.

1933 No.40 Catherine Street was demolished along with No.42 Catherine Street and Nos.12, 14 & 16 Digby Street

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