

48 Catherine Street



N.B. The similarly-sized house to the right (west) of this house is No.52 so clearly no.50 does not exist today. There have been various references to no.50 but we are not sure exactly which building it was part of. Either both or part of both 48 & 52 have been used as a lodging house, and who lived in which building is difficult to infer.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1777 Part of Thomas Clark's feu, labourer in Culwhae

Thomas Clark's feu (65 ft) clearly covered No.46 (a single-storey building) and No.48 (this 2-storey building).

1841 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 7 Page 14 [Back Street 64 & 65](#)

<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>
Taggart	Samuel			m	60	agricultural labourer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Taggart	John			m	38	carter	Kirkcudbrightshire
Taggart	Jane			f	29		Kirkcudbrightshire
Dinwiddie	James			m	25	power loom tenter	Ireland
Dinwiddie	Betty			f	25		Ireland
Dinwiddie	Mary			f	5m		Kirkcudbrightshire

1851 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 26 [Back Street \(South\) 5](#)

<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>
Dunbar	William	head	m	m	62	farm & town labourer	Ireland
Dunbar	Margaret	wife	m	f	64		Kbts, Girthon
Heron	William	head	s	m	63	farm labourer	Wigtown, Glasserton

This was the 5th house from Digby Street = No.48.

1861 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 16 [Back Street 42](#)

<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>
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Murray	Isabella	head	m	f	40		Roxburgh, Jedburgh
Murray	John	son	s	m	21	postboy	Roxburgh, Jedburgh
Murray	William	son	s	m	19	ploughman	Roxburgh, Jedburgh
Murray	James	son	s	m	15	stableboy	Roxburgh, Jedburgh
Murray	Isabella	g-dau	s	f	9	scholar	Roxburgh, Jedburgh
Murray	Margaret	g-dau	s	f	3		Kbts, Gatehouse

1871 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 5 Back Street 03 (Lodging House)

<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>
Stott	John	head	m	m	57	burgh officer	Kbts, Girthon
Stott	Catherine	wife	m	f	50	lodging house keeper	Lanark, Glasgow
Stott	Catherine	dau.	s	f	17		Kbts, Girthon
Stott	John	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Tongland
Hardris	Harriet	g-dau.		f	3		England
Anderson	John	lodger	wr	m	67	collier	Ireland
Burns	William	lodger	s	m	64	labourer	Ireland
McGregor	Frederick	lodger	wr	m	46	boot cleaner	Edinburgh
Kennedy	Henry	lodger	wr	m	40	tinsmith	Ayr, Kilmarnock
Stevens	Frederick	lodger	m	m	30	seaman	England
Stevens	Jane	lodger	m	f	27	hawker	England

We have assumed that the names in grey lived at no.52 Catherine Street.

1879	New charter to John Stott, burgh officer, west part of Clark's feu extending to 30 ft
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1881 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 4 Back Street (S) 05

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Stott	John	head	m	m	67	general labourer & lodging house keeper	Kbts, Gatehouse
Stott	Catherine	wife	m	f	60		Lanark, Glasgow
Hadras	Annie	g-dau		f	13		England
Oliver	Sarah	boarder		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Oliver	Mary	boarder		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
McGhie	Samuel	lodger		m	36	blacksmith	Kbts, Gatehouse
Roy	John	lodger	s	m	80	general labourer	Kbts, Tongland
Wood	Hugh	lodger	m	m	47	general labourer	Ireland
Wood	Grace	lodger	m	f	45		Wigtown, Portpatrick
Wood	Samuel	lodger		m	12		Wigtown, Kirkinner
Wood	Mary	lodger		f	10		Wigtown, Stranraer
Wood	Sarah	lodger		f	8		Wigtown, Stranraer
Wood	Rasan	lodger		f	5		Wigtown, Whithorn
Brown	Joseph	lodger	wr	m	71	general labourer	Ireland
Ran	Mary	lodger	w	f	64		Ireland
McArthur	Mary	lodger	w	f	58		Perth, Kincardine
Donely	John	lodger	wr	m	59	general labourer	Ireland
Hannah	William	lodger	wr	m	55	general labourer	Ireland
McGuire	John	lodger	m	m	54	general labourer	Ireland
McGuire	Jane	lodger	m	f	50		Ireland
Kirk	John	lodger	s	m	74	general labourer	England
Stott	John	lodger	wr	m	44	plumber	Kbts, Gatehouse

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1890	Sold to William Neill (later McNeil), rabbit catcher, Gatehouse and his wife Jane Walker
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1891 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 3 Page 3 Catherine Street 3

<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>
McNeil	William	head	m	m	49	general labourer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Janet	wife	m	f	48	lodging house keeper	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	William	son	s	m	23	agricultural labourer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	James	son	s	m	17	wood sawyer	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Elizabeth	dau.		f	15	general servant dom.	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Lauchlan	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	John	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
McNeil	Agnes	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Girthon
Robinson	Charles	boarder	s	m	47	general labourer	Moray, Dales
McRory	John	boarder	s	m	77	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland
McDade	Peter	boarder	s	m	87	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland, Tyrone
McKelvie	Edward	boarder	s	m	82	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Ireland
Carrol	William	boarder	s	m	30	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Glasgow, St.John
Wilson	Mary	boarder	s	f	60	vagrant	Ayr, St.Quivox
Briggs	William	boarder	s	m	58	gen. lab. (unemp.)	Kbts, Kirkpatrick Durham
Martin	Sarah	boarder	s	f	56	vagrant	England, Carlisle

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1901 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 9 Catherine Street 44							
<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>
McNeil	William	head	m	m	59	rabbit catcher	Kbts, Gatehouse
McNeil	James	son	s	m	27	rabbit catcher	Kbts, Gatehouse
McNeil	Agnes	dau.		f	14	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

1911 Girthon Census - Enumeration District 2 Page 12 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>
McNeil	William	head	m	m	69	rabbit trapper	Kbts, Gatehouse
McNeil	Janet	wife	m	f	68		Kbts, Gatehouse
McNeil	John	son	s	m	26	rabbit trapper	Kbts, Gatehouse
McNeil	Agnes	dau.	s	f	24		Kbts, Gatehouse
Worrall	William	g-son	s	m	16	general labourer	England
McCreadie	William	g-son		m	12	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
McCreadie	James	g-son		m	11	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
McCreadie	Lauchlin	g-son		m	10	school	Wigtown, Newton Stewart

1912-13 Girthon Valuation Roll : William McNeil, rabbit catcher, owned 3 properties in Catherine Street. Two were empty and the third was occupied by John McNeil, rabbit-trapper.

1921-22 Girthon Valuation Roll : Janet McNeil, widow, owned 4 properties in Catherine Street. She occupied one herself and the other 3 were occupied by (1) William N Worrall, labourer, (2) Elizabeth Hay, domestic servant, and (3) Robert Marshall, labourer.

N.B. William Worrall was Janet McNeil's grandson per 1911 census.

1930-31 Girthon Valuation Roll : Janet McNeil, widow, owned 4 properties in Catherine Street. She occupied one herself and the other 3 were occupied by (1) William N Worrall, labourer, (2) Elizabeth Hay, domestic servant, and (3) Mary Jane Wilson.

N.B. William Worrall was Janet McNeil's grandson per 1911 census.

1940-41 Girthon Valuation Roll : James McNeil, owned 2 properties at 48 Catherine Street. One was condemned and the other was occupied by Elizabeth Hay, spinster.

What happened to the other 2 properties owned by Janet McNeil in 1930 ?

What happened to the part of No.48 that was condemned in 1940 ?

1941	Title of James McNeil as heir of Janet Walker or McNeil
1941	Sold to Ellen Wilson or Wilde.

1944 Title of Ellen Wilson or Wilde, wife of George Wilde

1944 Sold to Thomas Scott, Police Constable, Glasgow and his wife Emily.

GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET.
FOR SALE, by Private Bargain, the very desirable (recently modernised) DWELLING-HOUSE. 48 CATHERINE STREET. GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET, consisting of 2 Public Rooms and Kitchenette on ground floor, and 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom (h. and c.) on first floor, also 2 Attic Rooms. Good Garden. Feu Duty, 1/-. The House, which is owner-occupied, is moderately assessed at £16. Early vacant possession can be arranged.
The House may be viewed daily between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Offers to be lodged with Messrs WILLIAMSON & HENRY, Solicitors, Kirkcudbright, not later than 31st May.

1950-51 Girthon Valuation Roll : Thomas & Emily Scott owned and occupied 48 Catherine Street.

1960-61 Girthon Valuation Roll : Thomas Scott, retired & wife Emily Barbara owned and occupied 48 Catherine Street.

1972	Sold to Andrew Kean, baker and his wife Margaret
1977	Sold by Mr and Mrs Andrew Kean to Mrs Wolffe and Mrs Hunter Blair
1990	Sold by Alexandra Wolffe and others to David Dobbin and Jean Clements
	Present owner ?

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