

19 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET EDINBURGH EH3 6LR

- 1808 - Architects George Winton, James Nisbet and Thomas Morison and John Morison, W.S. for himself and as disponee of the late Maxwell Gordon, W.S. - the heritable proprietors of the grounds lying North of Queen Street (originally feued by the Governors of Heriots Hospital to David Steuart) and, with special advice and consent of Peter Dickson, William Gordon and Andrew Parker -- Builders in Edinburgh and also with consent of Sir William Forbes, James Hunter and Company, Bankers in Edinburgh - received the sum of £1,980 from George Greenlaw, W.S. - the price of the subjects being disposed. This was the ground bounded by Northumberland Street to the South, the road from Northumberland Street leading to the Meuse Lane on the East, the Meuse land of East King Street and Northumberland Street to the North and - to the West - another building area sold to Messrs Dickson and Sibbald and now belonging to Mrs Miller of Frankfield. Mention is made of a house built or to be built on the ground and George Greenlaw undertook to pay feu duty of £5-1-6 per annum to Heriots' Hospital and not to fail to pay this for more than two years - failure rendering the contract null and void. He also agreed to pay a ground rent of £12-6-6 per annum, twice yearly, in equal portions, at Whitsun and Martinmas - and, should he so wish, could "buy out" this ground rent within the period of five years for a payment of what was due in that time plus twenty years purchase of the annual ground rent. This he did and a final contract between Greenlaw and the disponers was signed in 1811.
- 1814 - The Instrument of Sasine was granted in favour of George Greenlaw W.S. and registered on 13th June 1814.
- 1816 - George Greenlaw borrowed £500 from John Ross, W.S. and gave t h e house as security - wherupon the instrument of sasine passed to John Ross on a heritable bond for £500 of dwelling house in East Northumberland Street.
- 1817 - Charter of confirmation by the Governors of Heriots Hospital in favour of George Greenlaw.
- 1821 - Greenlaw sells the house to Charles Hughes Terrot, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of St Peter, for £1,800.
- 1822 - John Ross, W.S. now being deceased - the Instrument of Sasine on the house passes to his only son – Walter Ross.
- 1823 - The debt of £500 having been paid to the estate of John Ross by George Greenlaw the Instrument of Sasine is renounced by the Trustees of Walter Ross in favour of Charles Hughes Terrot.
- 1835 - Charter of Confirmation by the Governors of Heriots Hospital, in favour of Charles Terrot.
- 1861 - Charles Terrot, now aged 70, sells the house to Alexander Matheson, Merchant, for £1,500 – the latter borrowing £1,200 from the Trustees of the Late Robert Ramage, Plasterer and giving the house as security.
- 1872 - Alexander Matheson, now deceased, has vested his widow, Margaret MacLeod or Matheson, his sole accepting Trustee, in 19, Northumberland Street.
- 1879 - £1,200 repaid to the estate of Robert Ramage and his Trustees discharge the bond for £1200 over the house.
- 1886 - Mrs Margaret Macleod or Matheson now deceased and, presumably, without issue, has made a notarial instrument in favour of her brother, George MacLeod, on the subjects at Northumberland Street.
- 1886 - House sold for £1,450 to the Misses Margaret and Agnes Ferguson - - daughters of the late Alexander Ferguson - sometime lumber merchant of Chicago, Illinois, USA. The Misses Ferguson then borrowed £900 from the marriage contract Trustees of Mr George Cowan (papermaker) - based, apparently, on funds from the trust disposition of the late Archibald Simson Esq, sometime of Comedpore in the Province of Bengal, and his spouse, The common factor to these two trusts being Charles Duncan Menzies, Secretary of the Scottish American Investment Company (Ltd) and fellow trustees of Cowan Marriage contract and the Simson Trust.
- 1892 - Miss Agnes Ferguson - "for certain grievous causes and considerations" disposed the house, without any payment, to her mother - Mrs Agnes Maitland or Ferguson.
- 1895 - Partial discharge of debt granted by Trustees of late A Simson and spouse - Mrs Ferguson and Miss Margaret Ferguson having paid back £200 out of the £900 borrowed.
- 1904 - On the 7th May, in the court of Chancery- a petition was brought by Miss Margaret Ferguson and Mrs Agnes Ferguson or Nicholson (now married to John Nicholson Esq, Manager of the George Street Office of the Clydesdale Band Ltd and all residing at 5, Regent Terrace). Their mother had died "on or about" the 26th July 1895 and their petition to receive a half share each in the house - their only brother, a planter in Ceylon, having died unmarried - was granted.

- 1904 - House sold by the sisters to Ian MacIntyre W.S. for £1,175 - Margaret receiving £881 and Agnes £293, 15/-.
Subjects sold make special mention of the kitchen range, blinds and gas brackets.
- 1904 - Discharge of debt for £700 to the Simson Trust.
- 1904 - Ian MacIntyre borrowed £1,000 from his marriage settlement with Ida Van der Gucht - this trust being managed by Harold Michael Van der Gucht.
- 1917 - Discharge of bond on repayment of £1,000 by Ian MacIntyre.
- 1920 - House sold by MacIntyre to Alexander Mitchell Hamilton, KC for £1,300.
- 1921 - Feu duty increased by 10/11 per annum.
- 1922 - House sold by AM Hamilton, now Sheriff Substitute at Oban, to David Alexander Guild, advocate, for £1,400.
- 1934 - House sold by D A Guild, now Sheriff Substitute at Airdrie, to George Rose Brownie of S, Drummond Place, for £850.
- 1942 - Offer of £600 made for house by the two ladies running the Janefield Dairy at 34, Northumberland Street.
This offer was accepted by Mr Brownie's solicitors but it seem the deal was never concluded and the Brownies stayed in the house.
- 1947 - George Rose Brownie died on February 3rd - leaving his widow life - rented in the house - his surviving son to inherit.
- 1950 - Building license granted to divide the house into four separate flats.
- 1952 - Mr Douglas Brownie continued to live in the drawing room flat £3,066.
- Basement flat sold to Alastair Edgar for £2008
- Ground floor flat sold to Margaret H Easton for £2,643.
- Top flat sold to the Dunfermline Building Society - acting for Ewan *George* Francis Stewart, Advocate - for £2,643.