
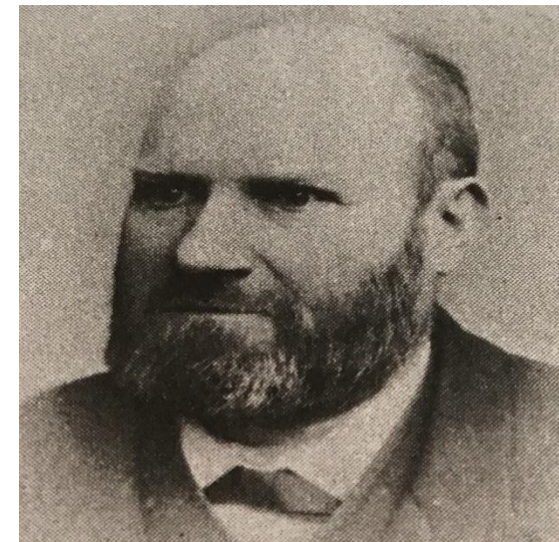


<b>Property:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	<b>38&amp;39 Cancellation Book</b>
<b>Property Modern:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>83 &amp; 84 not displayed on shop front</b>
<b>Property Modern:</b>	<b>Modern Shop Name</b>	<b>Sports Direct (2018)</b> 
<b>Property Previous:</b>	<b>Previous Shop Names</b>	<b>Previously: Heaton's</b> <b>Previously: John Nolan The Arcade</b> <b>Previously N Cooke</b>

<b>Landlord</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Occupier</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Abel Woodrooffe	1853-1860	James Doyle to Patrick /Neill Quinn no 38 Patrick Finney no 39	Two separate buildings (businesses) both No 39 in Griffiths Valuations but listed as nos 38 and 39 the Cancellation books.
	1868	Neill Finney	
John to Jane B Bates	1874-1881	Nathanial Cooke no 38	
Thomas Walsh	1874-1881	James Kirwin no 39	
Jane B Bates	1884-1881	Nathanial Cooke no 38	
Thomas Walsh	1884-1891	James Kirwin no 39	
Jane B Bates	1892-1898	Nathanial Cooke	No 38
Thomas Walsh	1892-1898	James Kirwin to Nathanial Cooke	No 39
Jane Bates no 38 Thomas Walsh 39	1905-1915	Nathanial Cooke	Listed as 38 & 39
Jane Bates no 38 Thomas Walsh 39	1915-1930	Nathanial Cooke	Listed as 38 & 39
Thomas Walsh no 39	1930-1941	Herbert Cooke	

Jane B Bates to John O Connor & Co no 38	1942-1983	Herbert Cooke to Stephen Mary & Charlotte Johnson	
Thomas Walsh to In fee no 39			
	2018	Sport's Direct	



Cooke's Arcade 1940's at Christmas time National Liabrary Collection Dublin

Photo Nathaniel Cooke Michael Fitzpatrick Collection

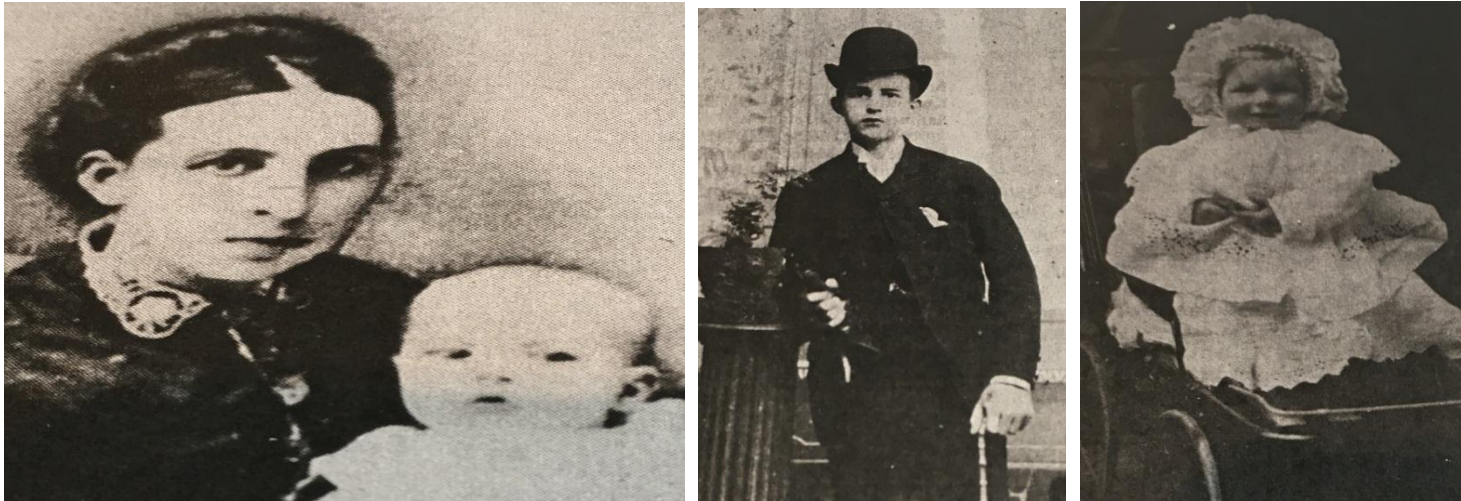


Photo Susan Cooke nee Buchanan, Herbert Cooke and Lorna Johnson nee Cooke displaying three generations of the Cooke family from the Michael Fitzpatrick Collection

Nathaniel Cooke, listed as a draper was already widowed by 1901 having lost his wife Susan nee Buchanan on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1889 at the age of 49.

His sister in law Isabella Buchanan ran the household. The shop employed eleven people including Nathaniel's, daughters Anne and Margaret, son Herbert seven assistants and there were two servants employed. Another daughter Isabella Cooke married John Hamilton a draper in Arklow town on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1891.



1885 Bassett's Directory Advertisement for Cookes

**At N. COOKE'S**  
**Woollen, Linen, Manchester, and Fancy Warehouse,**  
**GOREY.**

Will be found the Largest Stock of IRISH MANUFACTURED GOODS in the County Wexford, comprising Athlone, Blarney, Bluebell, Millbrook, Nirevale, Navan, Lucan, Island Bridge, and Kilmedden FRIEZES and TWEEDS; Portland Calicoes, Blarney Ballinakill Flannels; Greenmount, Banbridge, and Belfast Linens, &c., &c.

 In addition all the latest Styles in Ladies' Dress Goods, Millinery, Underclothing, Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

Stationery and Fancy Goods, Sewing Machines of all the leading Makers. Needles and Parts sent to any part of the Country.

## 1901 Census Cooke Family

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation	Literacy	Irish Language	Marital S
Cooke	Nathaniel	61	Male	Head of Family	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper	Read and write	-	Widower
Buchannan	Isabella	65	Female	Sister in Law	Methodist	Co Leitrim	Housekeeper	Read and write	-	Not Married
Cooke	Annie	28	Female	Daughter	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper	Read and write	-	Not Married
Cooke	Herbert	26	Male	Son	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper	Read and write	-	Not Married
Cooke	Margaret	23	Female	Daughter	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper	Read and write	-	Not Married
Cooke	Eleanor	19	Female	Daughter	Methodist	Co Wexford	Scholar	Read and write	-	Not Married
Mc Farlane	Ettie	24	Female	Boarder	Methodist	Co Tyrone	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Not Married
Whittington	Jennie	27	Female	Boarder	Presbyterian	Co Tyrone	Dressmaker	Read and write	-	Not Married
Hathrington	Edie	20	Female	Boarder	Methodist	Co Donegal	Draper's Apprentice	Read and write	-	Not Married
Warren	Sarah	17	Female	Boarder	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper's Apprentice	Read and write	-	Not Married
Buchannan	Herbert	20	Male	Boarder	Methodist	Co Leitrim	Draper's Apprentice	Read and write	-	Not Married
Walsh	Richard	23	Male	Boarder	Irish Church	Co Sligo	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Not Married
Mc Cann	John	20	Male	Boarder	Irish Church	Co Armagh	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Not Married
Byrne	Kate	18	Female	Boarder	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	General Servant	Read and write	-	Not Married

## 1911 Census Cooke Family

Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation	Literacy	Irish Language	Marital S
Cooke	Nathaniel	72	Male	Head of Family	Methodist	Co Wexford	Merchant Draper	Read and write	-	Widower
Cooke	Herbert Thomas	37	Male	Son	Methodist	Co Wexford	Draper	Read and write	-	Married
Cooke	Esther	35	Female	Daughter in Law	Methodist	Co Tyrone	-	Read and write	-	Married
Cooke	Lorna Aileen	3	Female	Grand Daughter	Methodist	Co Wexford	-	Cannot read	-	Single
Cooke	Susan Vera	1	Female	Grand Daughter	Methodist	Co Wexford	-	Cannot read	-	Single
Mc Farland	Martha	21	Female	Visitor	Methodist	Co Tyrone	-	Read and write	-	Single
Longmoor	Robert Henry	11	Male	Nephew	Methodist	Co Leitrim	-	Read and write	-	Single
Parson	Mary Anne	25	Female	Assistant	Irish Church	Co Kildare	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Johnston	Mary Elizabeth	28	Female	Assistant	Irish Church	Co Cork	Dressmaker	Read and write	-	Single
James	Ena Sophia	19	Female	Assistant	Irish Church	Queens Co	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Parson	Rebecca Evelyn	17	Female	Assistant	Irish Church	Fermanagh	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Callwell	Robert Edward	22	Male	Assistant	Irish Church	Kilkenny	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Willoughly	Charles	17	Male	Assistant	Irish Church	Co Cork	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Barnes	William	21	Male	Assistant	Irish Church	Leitrim	Draper's Assistant	Read and write	-	Single
Hanly	Catherine	24	Female	Servant	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Servant General	Read and write	-	Single
Cooke	Nathaniel	-	-	Head of Family	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fanning	E? Francis Mary	16	Female	Servant	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	Servant	Read and write	-	Single

By 1911 Herbert Cooke had married Ester McFarland, had two infant daughters Lorna Aileen and Susan Vera. The business was employing seven assistants and two servants.



Mrs

20/10/1955  
Stephens

# COOKE'S ARCADE

83 & 84 MAIN STREET, GOREY

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In | Loving Memory of | SUSAN | the dearly beloved wife of | NATHANIEL COOKE |  
of Gorey who departed | this life 26th July 1889 | aged 49 years | also |  
ISABELLA BUCHANAN | sister of above | died 20th Aug. 1903 | NATHANIEL COOKE |  
died 20th Jan. 1930 aged 91 years | His son CHARLES WILLIAM COOKE | died 17th  
March 1934 | aged 54 years | His daughter ANNIE | died 24th Oct. 1937 aged 64  
years | Isaiah 60. 19-20

In | Memory of | THOMAS HERBERT COOKE | of Gorey | died 16th November 1947 aged  
73 yrs. | His wife ESTHER COOKE | died 31st August 1949 aged 73 yrs. | Their  
son-in-law | WILLIAM SCOTT JOHNSTON | 25-2-1908 - 26-3-1996 | and their  
daughter | LAURA AILEEN JOHNSTON | 29-2-1908 - 28-1-2004 | "They will rest in  
His love" Zeph. 3. 17.



Courtesy Christ's Church Graveyard

## **Obituary for Dr Lorna Johnson nee Cooke last of the Cooke family to conduct business at 83/84 Main Street**

**From the Gorey Guardian February 12 2004**

Having led a long and interesting life, Dr. Lorna Johnston of Gorey died on January 28 last.

Born Lorna Aileen Cooke in 1908, she was the eldest child of Herbert T. and Esther Cooke and grew up in the house of her grandfather Nathaniel Cooke, founder of Cooke's Arcade. Mrs. Mercer of Charlotte Row, Gorey, provided her early schooling, and at the age of eleven, she continued her education at Methodist College, Belfast.

She attended Queen's University, Belfast, where she studied Medicine. It was there that she met her future husband, William Scott Johnston, an Arts student who also attended Edgehill Theological College, prior to Ordination as a Methodist Minister.

Dr. Johnston graduated with her MD in 1931 and took a position as House Surgeon in the Women's and Children's Hospital in Manchester, England. In April 1933, she travelled to Ceylon, where she married Scott Johnston. From there, the couple travelled to China, where they worked with the Methodist Mission Schools in Fatshan near Canton, South China.

In 1937, when the Japanese bombed Canton, she left China with her three children and sailed home to Ireland. Her husband Scott followed two years later.

Subsequently, they settled in Cooke's Arcade as proprietors. In addition to running the business and raising her family, she was organist at Gorey Methodist Church.

She also managed to find time to be an active member of the Gorey branch of the Red Cross, and ran a Well Baby Clinic, and for years, organised the Blood Donor Clinics for the Blood Transfusion Service.





In the 1980's John Nolan very successful Gorey business man ran a Drapery Business at 83/84 Main Street after purchasing the premises and business from Stephen and Mary Charlotte Johnson nee Cooke. This ended the three generation's the Cooke family residing and running a business at 83/84 Main Street