

Property:	Number:	No 102 Cancellation Book
Property Modern	Number:	No 42
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name	<p>Halfords (part of) Gwalia Newsagent (part of)</p> 
Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	<p>Halfords Hairdressers Gwalia Newsagent</p>

		Fennell's John Godkin Saddler	
Landlord	Time Period from the Cancellation Book	Occupier	Further Details
<i>John Godkin</i>	1853 – 1860	Eliza Webster	
(1) Stephen Ram (2) John Godkin	1868	(1) John Godkin (2) Eliza Webster	The property seems to have 2 shop fronts now as part of the building.
(1) <i>William Kirk</i> (2) <i>John Godkin</i>	1869-1873	(1) John Godkin (2) Eliza Webster then Sarah Webster	
(1) <i>William Millar Kirk</i> (2) <i>John Godkin</i>	1874-1881	(1) John Godkin (2) Sarah Webster	
	1881 - 1884		

<i>(1)Alicia Kirk</i>	1884 - 1891	(1)John Godkin then Joseph Spencer	Alicia Kirk is the wife of William Kirk.
<i>(1)Reps of Alicia Kirk</i>	1892-1898	(1)John Godkin then Joseph Spencer	
(1)Reps of Alicia Kirk	1899-1904	(1)Joseph Spencer	J. Spencer came from Coolnaveagh (out by the old leather factory). Joseph Spencer died 3 rd February 1909. He is buried in Christchurch, Gorey.
	1905-1915		Joseph Spencer had the Gwalia part. John Fennell had the Halfords part. Joseph Spencer died in 1909 and John Fennel took over running the whole property with his wife Anne.

			Their son Edward Fennell purchased both properties in 1915.
(102) Repts of Alicia Kirk (102a) Edward Fennell then Edward Fennell (102b) Fennell	1916-1930	(102) Anne Fennell (102a) Elizabeth Brennan, then Delia Mullin then Edward Fennell (102b) Fennell	Elizabeth Brennan was a sister to Edward Fennell. She ran the shop for him. Edward Fennell bought and owned the whole lot (1915) Delia Mullin was a lodger.
(102a) Edward Fennell (102b) Edward Fennell in fee	1931-1941	(102a) Delia Mullin then Edward Fennell then John Fennell (102b) John Fennell	
<i>102A = LL Edward Fennell</i> <i>102B = LL John Fennell in fee</i> <i>102B = in fee</i>	1942-1983	John Fennell, then Thomas Hunt, then R H Nixon, then John Fennell, then James Burrell, then Patrick	102a = could be Gwalia Kathleen Dywer was in it for a short time, then Anne Kenny and Herbert Stephens for a short while, then Clarence Cobb.

		<p>McGannon, then John Fennell, then Kathleen Dwyer, then Anne Kenny, then Herbert Stephens, then Richard Clarence Cobbe</p> <p>102 A = John Fennell</p> <p>102 B= John Fennell</p>	<p>The only person that had a lease was Clarence Cobb. Kathleen Dwyers mother and John Fennels Wife were sisters.</p>
	2018		<p>Gwalia Newsagent</p> <p>Halfords Hair Studio</p>





This building is No 42 Main Street.

For many years it has always been divided into two shop parts (a large shop and smaller shop) and a living house part upstairs.

The shop has been extended up with an extra floor as can be seen from the images above.

Currently it is occupied by Halford's Hairdresser in the larger shop part and the smaller shop is known as the Gwalia Stores which is owned by the Fennel's.

The Fennells



John Fennell on left hand side; J Spencer on right hand side

John Fennell came to No 42 Main Street and rented the larger shop unit (now occupied by Halford's Hairdresser).

It was run as a greengrocer.

John Fennell (1856 – 1912) married Anne Clince (1856-1925) of Camolin;

they had the following three children: Edward born in 1884 and who died in 1938; also a daughter Anne and another daughter Jane Fennell.

Edward Fennell born 1884 and died 1938 inherited the business (Larger shop part) and then later bought the smaller unit in 1915 (now occupied by Gwalia).

Edward married Sarah Murphy (born 1882 and died 1938). The Fennell's lived over the shop establishment.

Edward ran a grocery and greengrocer. He went every week to the Dublin Vegetable Market. He also ran a coal yard business.

He also ran a shop in James Street (now McDermott Street – later known as Crossways and now Garrett Lombard, Cullen & Fitzpatrick Solicitor practice).

Their son John Fennell was born in 1909 and died in 1981. John who was born 1909 married Kitty Brennan of Mount Saint Benedict.

They had four sons altogether – Sean, Seamus, Edward (called Ned) and Leo.

His son Sean Fennell inherited the larger shop part (now Halfords Hairdresser).

His other son Seamus inherited the Gwalia part.

Halfords Hairdresser now occupies this part of the property and run a successful business and Gwalia newsagent is the other side.



Edward Fennell (1884-1938) outside the James Street Business.
his business.

Edward Fennell van which was used in

Pictures courtesy of May Fennell.

The Spencers & Godkins

John Godkin ran a business as a saddler's from 1853 to approximately 1873 at No 42 Main Street (in the Halford part of the premises).



John Godkin worked with Joseph Spencer in the saddling business here.

John Godkin died aged 80; and following his death; Joseph Spencer continued the saddling business.

J. Spencer is written over the shop front.

Joseph Spencer was born in 1837 at Coolnavagh and died in 1909.

He is buried in Christ Church Gorey. John Fennell then took over the managing the shop from 1909; and his son Edward Fennell purchased the property (Gwalia part) in 1915.

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