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| Address | 1-6 Union Hall Place |
| Name | Union Hall |
| Map Reference | U1 |
| Plot Number | 150 |
| Listed Building Reference Grade | no n/a n/a |
| Conservation Area Reference | yes historic city |
| Building at Risk Reference | no n/a |
| Date of Construction | 1879, rebuilt 1951 |
| Original Use | café/shop/hall |
| Present Use | shops/vacant |

Description

Two-storey, seven-bay building set at the back edge of the pavement with painted smooth rendered façade and natural slate double pitched roof. Convex moulding cornice and window surrounds to first floor window openings. Margin lights to all first floor stained timber windows. Deep painted cornice at first floor level with fascia signs set. Shopfronts with external roller shutters. Contributes to character of Conservation Area. City wall in foreground of photograph, with building parallel.

History

The 1788 map of Derry indicates a barracks on or close to this location - Shipquay St and Union Hall Place. The use of the old Tower or 'The Magazine' (on Magazine St) may have been connected to this. The barracks had prior to this been at Bank Place (previously called Schoales Lane); and after Union Hall Place, the barracks were moved to Bishop's Palace off Bishop Street.

'The earliest reference to a military barracks in Derry is before 1738, when the old barracks in Schoales Lane, now Bank Place, was moved to the new premises at the bottom of Shipquay Street on the western side of the old city. Behind this area stood the old tower, which the army used as a powder magazine and today is recorded by the street name Magazine Street. This 'new' barracks was still there in 1788 and was referred to as 'the King's store' in 1799 and on the same map the former Bishop's Palace in Bishop Street became the barracks.'

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Originally the New Temperance Hall, built 1879. 1880 the Union Hall and Union Café. 1899 valuation map indicates the Union Hall was located at first floor, with the Union Café and piano shop at ground floor. Eight-bay two-storey building set at the back edge of the pavement, double-pitched roof and 2 no. large lanterns located at the ridge, providing top-light to the hall. Semi-circular headed windows to hall at first floor and segmental pediment over main entrance at ground floor. Substantially re-built in 1951, partial third floor introduced within existing envelope, refurbished and altered in 1998.

'Union Hall Place, 1880; New Temperance Hall (1879), 1880 Union Hall/City Café [Union Café]...'
The Streets of Derry (1625-2001), J G Bryson, 2001

Owners/Tenants

Union Hall Place

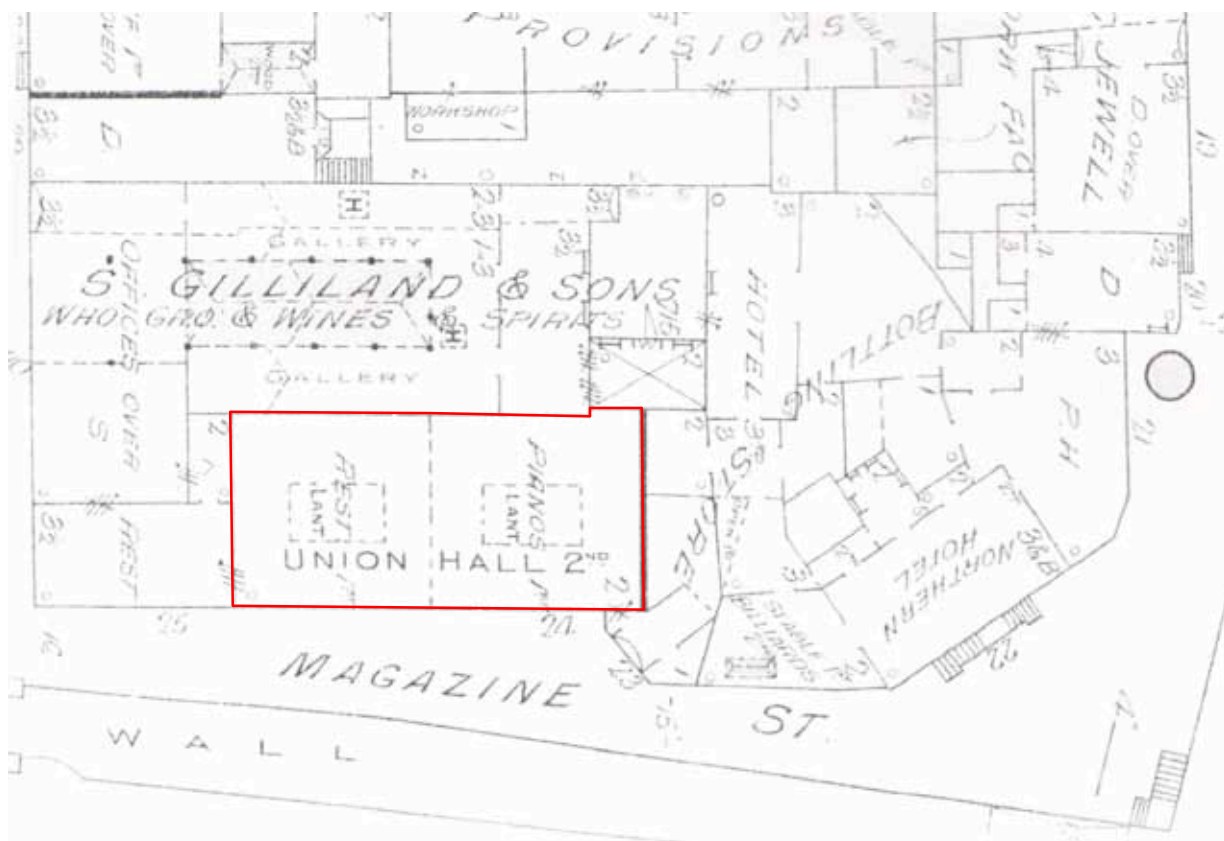
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| 1788 | barracks |
| 1799 | Kings Store |
| 1865 | A Floyd , piano forte tuner and importer |
| 1879 | New Temperance Hall |
| 1880 | Union Hall, Union Café, Piano shop |
| 1884 | Union Hall (Magazine Street) |
| 1895 | Union Hall, Union Café |
| 1914 | Union Hall, Union Café, |
| 2012 | Kebab House/vacant/vacant/vacant/vacant/vacant |

1884-1895 Derry Almanac; 1879 Giveen's Almanac; and others

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Londonderry Map, 1788

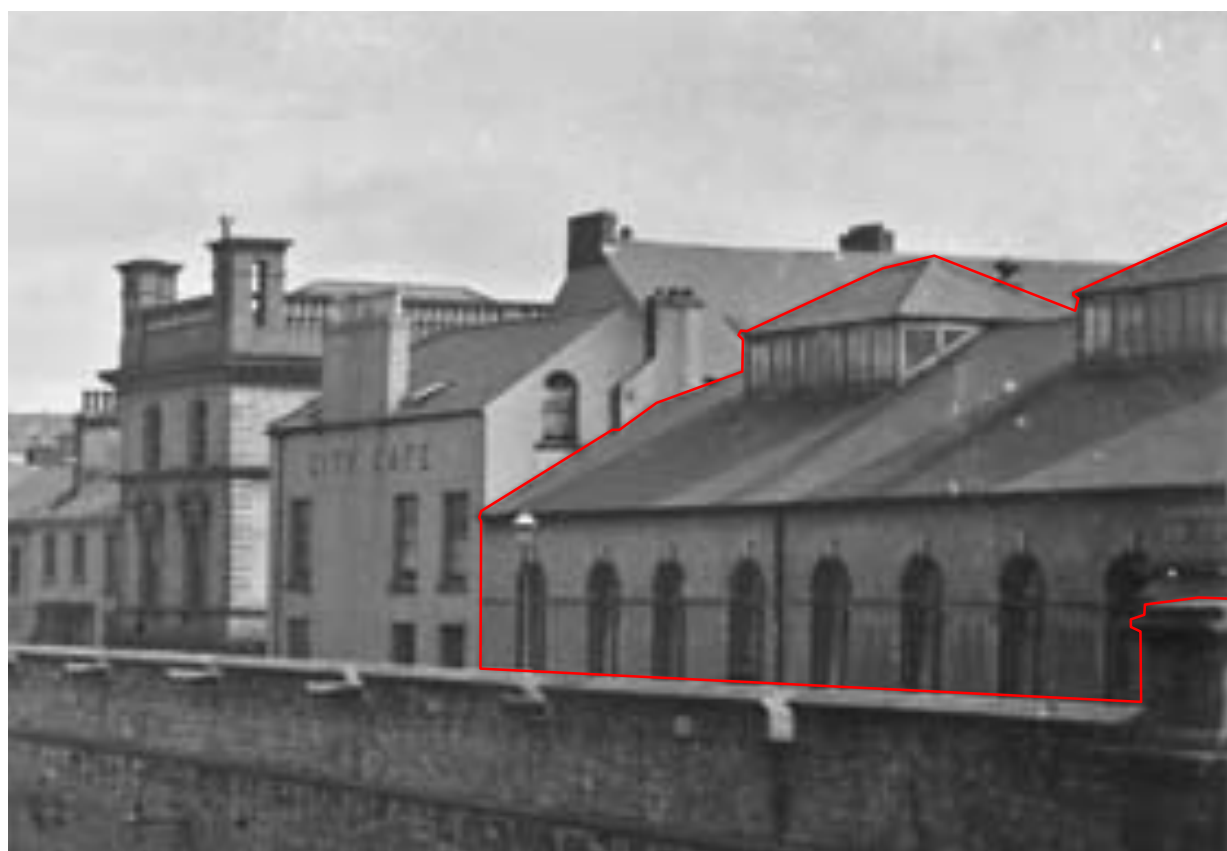


Union Hall, Union Hall Place (formerly part of Lower Magazine Street), Valuation Map, 1899

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Union Hall, Union Hall Place, c.1900, outlined to right of photograph. Also shows cannons on city wall.



Union Hall, Union Hall Place, circa 1900



Mall, showing Cannons Presented by the London Companies, Londonderry.

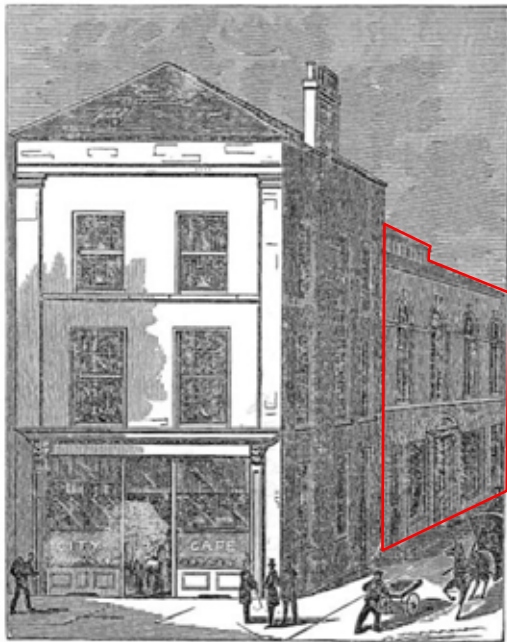
Union Hall, Union Hall Place, circa 1925



1-6 Union Hall Place, circa 1973

Archive Articles

LONDONDERRY TEMPERANCE COUNCIL.



CITY CAFE,
SHIPQUAY STREET,
LONDONDERRY.

OPEN DAILY (Sundays excepted.)

COFFEE STANDS.

- No. 1,..... SHIPQUAY PLACE.
- No. 2,..... CARLISLE BRIDGE.
- No. 3,.....DUKE STREET (Waterside.)

OPEN FROM 5.30 A.M.

COFFEE, ONE PENNY PER CUP.

Derry Almanac 1884

2 ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITY CAFE,
SHIPQUAY STREET, LONDONDERRY,
OPEN DAILY (Sundays excepted), from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

VICTORIA CAFE,
STRAND,
OPEN DAILY (Sundays excepted), from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

UNION CAFE,
UNION HALL BUILDINGS,
Open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sundays excepted).

COFFEE STANDS:
No. 1, ... THE QUAY (opposite Victoria Market).
No. 2, ... CARLISLE BRIDGE.
No. 3, ... DUKE STREET (Waterside).
Rock Restaurant, ... STRAND ROAD.
Dining and Coffee Rooms, ... WATER STREET.
Open from 6 a.m.

COFFEE, ONE PENNY PER CUP.

LONDONDERRY TEMPERANCE COUNCIL.

Derry Almanac, 1914

JAMES TOMB & SON,
Auctioneers AND Valuators,
UNION HALL BUILDINGS,
LONDONDERRY.

★
IMPORTERS OF ALL KINDS OF
Furniture, Pianos, Organs, &c.
★

GOODS BOUGHT OR EXCHANGED.

Telegrams: "BEAVER," Londonderry.

Derry Almanac 1905

JAMES TOMB,
House, Land, Shipping, . . .
. . . and General Agent,
UNION HALL BUILDINGS,
LONDONDERRY.

Agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway, Atlantic Ocean Service,
and the Elder, Dempster Shipping Company.

Derry Almanac 1909

A. FLOYD,
PIANO - FORTE TUNER,
AND IMPORTER,
MAGAZINE STREET,
LONDONDERRY.

—o—
Piano-Fortes by first-class London Makers, Harmoniums by Alexandre, of Paris, and other eminent Makers. Old Instruments taken in exchange, &c.

N.B.—Every description of Repairing done to *Piano Fortes* and other *Musical Instruments*, in a manner equal to that of any *House* in the *Kingdom*.

Derry Almanac, 1865



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| Address | 7 Union Hall Place |
| Name | Tower Museum |
| Map Reference | U6 |
| Plot Number | 150 |
| Listed Building Reference Grade | no n/a n/a |
| Conservation Area Reference | yes historic city |
| Building at Risk Reference | no n/a |
| Date of Construction | 1990 |
| Original Use | museum |
| Present Use | museum |

Description

Tower Museum built 1990; O'Doherty Tower, an inexact replica of a medieval Irish fortified tower-house. Four-storey, crenelated stone tower; small irregularly positioned openings with ashlar stone dressings and lintel; stained timber shutters to all openings. Circa 2007 refurbished; with extension to right-hand side of tower, not in keeping with existing building and character of Conservation Area.

History

The Museum is sited close to the location of the castle or tower-house, later the Magazine, from which the design of the existing is derived. Tower-house built by *Ó Dochartaigh* for *Ó Domhnaill* circa 1530, at site of nos.18-19 Magazine Street, which was later later used as the Magazine, but demolished early 19th century.

'The Magazine is situated in a street adjacent to the Wall to which the building has given the name of Magazine Street. It stands on the site of the castle which Sir Henry Docwra on his arrival at Derry 'presentlie resolved to fortify'. See General History and the Plan of 1600. It appears as a store on Raven's plan of 1625 and on those of 1689 and 1788 as a magazine. It was repaired and strengthened about forty years ago by Sir William Smith, assistant royal engineer of the District and remained in charge of the ordnance till a lease was obtained from the Irish Society by Sir George F Hill. Of the ground on which it stands, the government it is understood, having relinquished their claim it now belongs to Mr Robert Young who has occasionally let it to the government. There are no stores deposited in it at present the ammunition of the troops being kept in the barrack.'

Ordnance Survey of the County of Londonderry, Thomas Colby, 1837

'The castle built by *Ó Dochartaigh* for *Ó Domhnaill* c1530. A small tower-house like the one at Buncrana is shown in 1602. Used as a store or powder magazine until 19c, it was on the site of nos. 18-19 [Lower] Magazine Street.'

The Streets of Derry (1625-2001), J G Bryson, 2001

Mid-19th century the site was occupied by a branch premises of the Northern Bank, established after 1825, which moved in 1866 to new building in Shipquay Place; the 1834 valuation suggests these buildings were built before 1834. 1873 Ordnance Survey map indicates the building was later occupied by the Northern Hotel. The Northern Hotel is not listed in the Ordnance Survey of the County of

Londonderry, Thomas Colby, 1837 and is thought to have been established between 1866 and 1873 after the Northern Bank relocated to Shipquay Place. 1899 valuation map indicates the building still occupied by the Northern Hotel, a largely three-storey building plus basement, with a billiard room at first floor located within a two-storey wing and a 'bottling store' towards the rear, in what had been an open rear yard in 1873. The 1873 Ordnance Survey also indicates the presence of a urinal between the adjoining building in Union Place and the hotel.

'The following banking establishments have branches at Derry; the Bank of Ireland, the Provincial Bank, the Agricultural Bank, the Belfast Bank, and the Northern Bank. The first two were established in 1825, the others subsequently at different periods, but respectable agencies had previously existed.'

Ordnance Survey of the County of Londonderry, Thomas Colby, 1837

'Northern Banking Company, (Branch), Magazine Street – George Dundas, Esq., Manager'
The New Directory of the City of Londonderry and Coleraine, 1839

'Northern Banking Company Magazine Street, Manager EH Smyth Esq'
Annals Of Derry Robert Simpson 1847

Owned in 1876 by Alex M'Hutchison and John M'Hutchison in 1879. Mrs. Mary Gibson (Northern Hotel) appears in the 1884 Derry Almanac. The Northern Hotel was in 1885 owned by Mrs Mary Gibson, who was the hotel proprietress at the time the business transferred, circa 1901, to the purpose built Northern Counties Hotel, a building located opposite, outside the city walls in Waterloo Place. An advertisement placed in the 1885 Derry Almanac states a 'billiard room, lavatory and stock room [have been] added to the premises'.

The site was also occupied in 1899 by a public house at what was no.21 Lower Magazine Street. These buildings are indicated on the 1949 Ordnance Survey but by the 1963 edition it is shown as a vacant site.

Following the closure of a small civic museum during the 1950s, Derry had no museum. The Tower Museum was one of three museums initially planned by the Heritage and Museum Service, set up by Derry City Council in 1986. The site on which the Tower Museum stands was largely vacant when the site was purchased. The O'Doherty Tower part of the museum was built by the Inner City Trust, an organisation set up by Paddy 'Bogside' Doherty a body dedicated to the regeneration of the city.

Owners/Tenants

21 Magazine Street (former public house)

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| 1876 | James Harvey |
| 1879 | J Harvey, wine merchant |
| 1889 | James Harvey |
| 1895 | William M'Cool, publican |
| 1899 | public house |
| 1909 | William M'Cool; E J Toye, office; M M'Loone, office |
| 1918 | Terence Magee; Andrew Docherty; F R Harvey, office; Richd. Campbell, office; J Dunn |
| 1927 | J J O'Driscoll; ; Andrew Docherty; F R Harvey, office; P H Elliot, engineer; T Fullerton |
| 1941 | F M'Laughlin; Mrs Jeannie Docherty; Charles Glenn; Leonard P Hume; Michael Carlin |
| 1949 | Sarah M'Laughlin; William Glenn; Leonard P Hume; Bridget Glenn |
| 1963 | gap site |
| 1990 | Tower Museum |
| 2012 | Tower Museum |

22 Magazine Street (former hotel)

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| 1839 | Northern Bank? |
| 1847 | Northern Bank? |
| 1876 | Alex M'Hutchinson, hotel |
| 1879 | John M'Hutchinson, Northern Hotel |

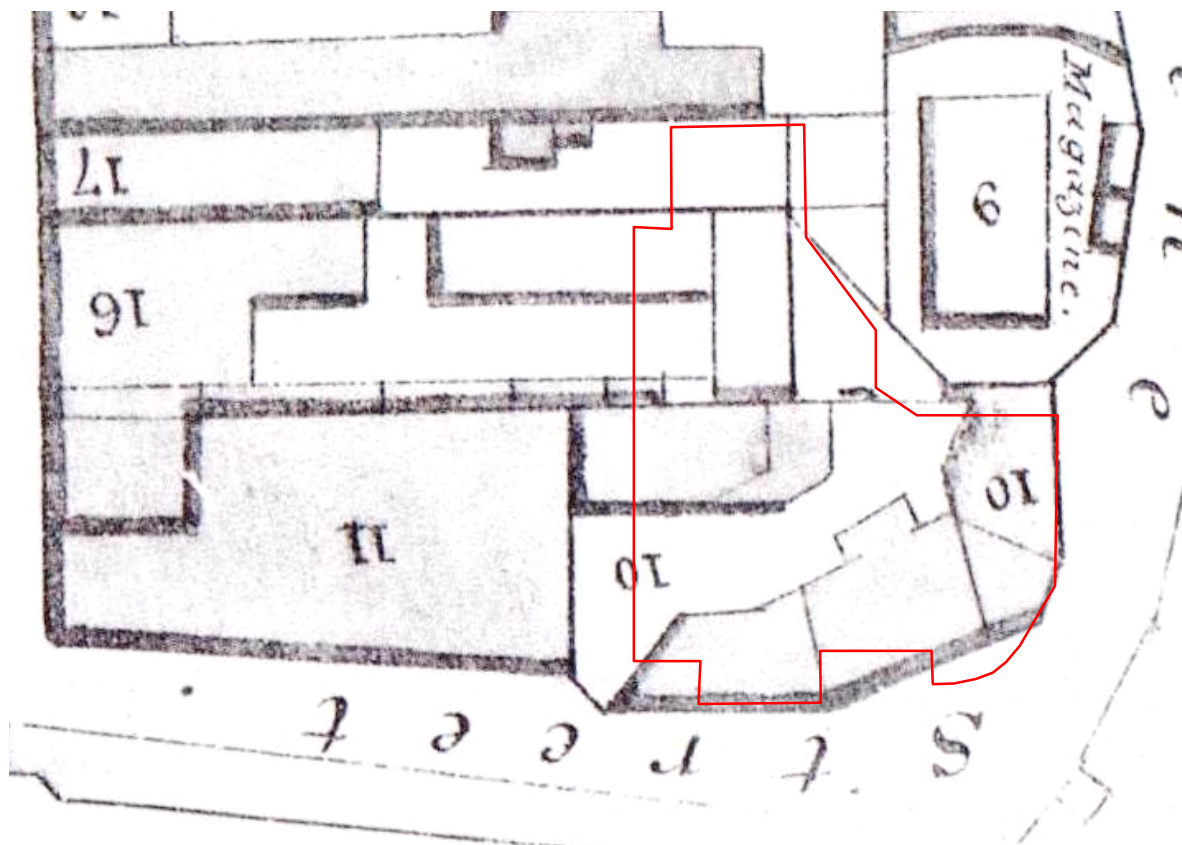
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| 1889 | Mrs M Gibson, Northern Hotel |
| 1895 | Mrs M Gibson, Northern Hotel |
| 1899 | Northern Hotel, Mrs Gibson, proprietress. |
| 1918 | Derry Catholic Club, M Moyne, caretaker |
| 1927 | Derry Catholic Club, M Moyne, caretaker |
| 1930 | hairdressing salon |
| 1941 | Derry Catholic Club, Patrick M'Laughlin, caretaker |
| 1949 | tenement house |
| 1963 | gap site |
| 1990 | Tower Museum |
| 2012 | Tower Museum |

23 Magazine Street

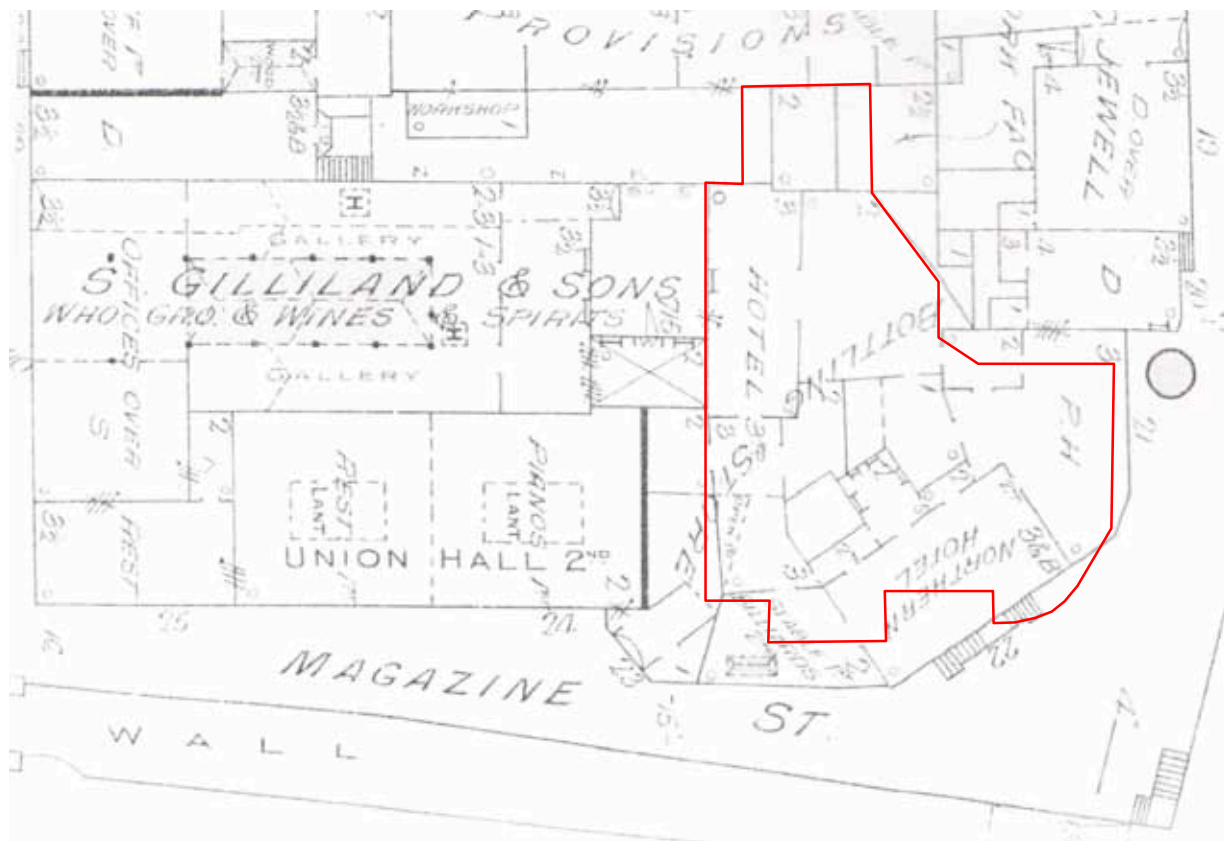
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| 1889 | John Doak, salesroom |
| 1895 | H B Phillips |
| 1950s | Bryson Bar |

Derry Almanac

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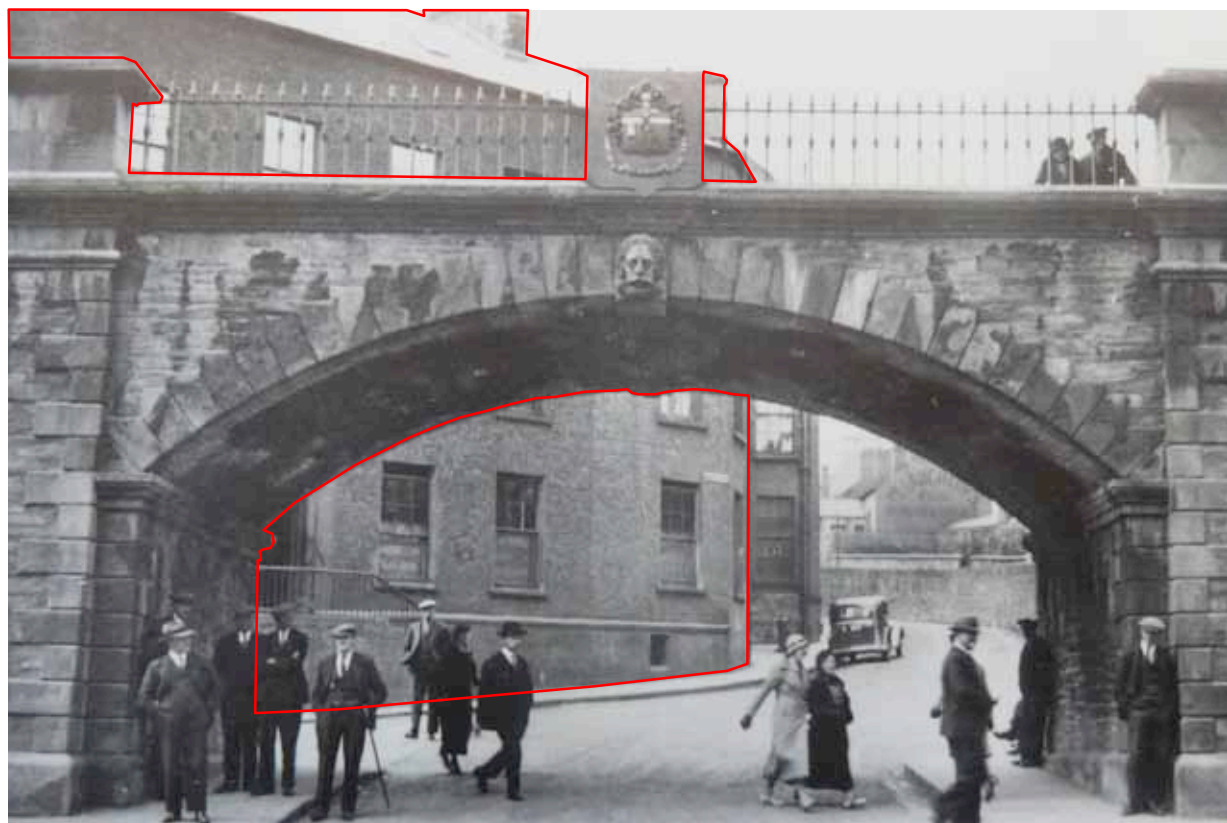


Tower Museum site, Union Hall Place, Valuation Map, 1834

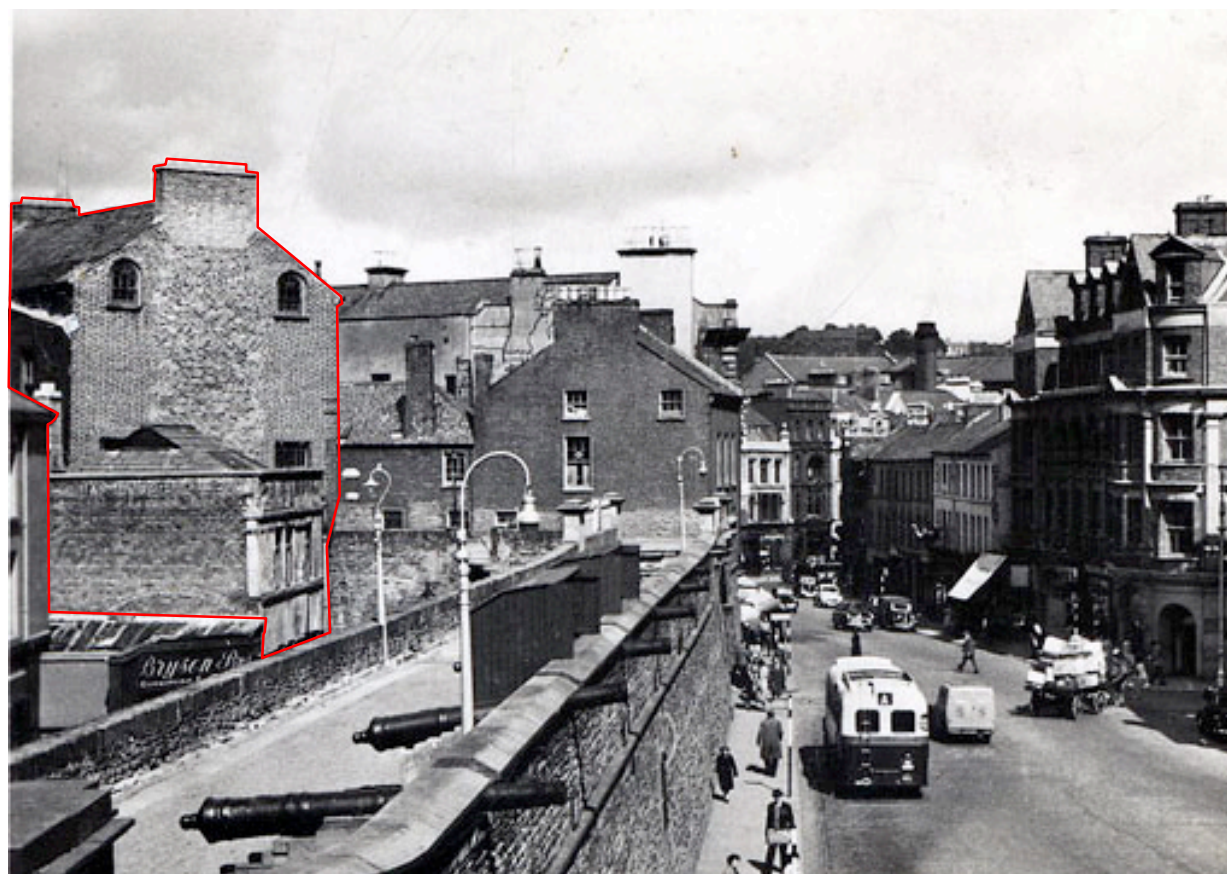


Tower Museum site, Union Hall Place, Valuation Map, 1899

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Former Northern Bank, later Northern Hotel (site of Tower Museum), circa 1930s



Former Northern Bank, later Northern Hotel, (site of Tower Museum), circa 1950

Archive Advertisements

**THE NORTHERN HOTEL,
LONDONDERRY,**
(Opposite General Post Office.)
Mrs. GIBSON, Proprietress.
(SUCCESSOR TO LATE ALEXANDER M'HUTCHISON.)

'BUS ATTENDS ALL TRAINS AND STEAMERS.
Posting in all its Branches.
NEW BILLIARD ROOM, LAVATORY, AND STOCK ROOM ADDED
TO THE PREMISES.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Derry Almanac, 1884

**THE NORTHERN HOTEL,
LONDONDERRY.**
MARY GIBSON, Proprietress.

'BUS ATTENDS ALL TRAINS AND STEAMERS.

HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS.

New Billiard-Room, Lavatory, and Stock-Room
ADDED TO THE PREMISES.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Derry Almanac, 1895

**Northern Counties Hotel,
LONDONDERRY.**
Mrs. GIBSON, Proprietress.
Telegraphic Address—"Northern, Derry." Telephone No. 195.



HIS Old Established Commercial and Tourists' Hotel, adjoining the General Post Office, is now one of the largest, most comfortable, and best equipped in Ireland. It occupies a central position, in close proximity to all the Railway and Steamboat Offices, and has been fitted up, regardless of expense, with all the latest improvements in modern house-furnishing and sanitary science, affording ample accommodation for upwards of **Eighty** Visitors. The Magnificent Dining Room, Commercial, Smoking, and Reception Rooms are lofty, spacious, and luxurious. The Bath Rooms, Bedrooms, and Sitting Rooms are cheery and comfortable, the outlook, particularly over the Foyle, being most pleasing. The lighting, heating, and ventilation are perfect—Electricity supplying artificial light throughout the entire building.

An Omnibus, with Porter, attends all Trains, and the City Tram Cars pass the door regularly.

Derry Almanac, 1905

The Gibson Hotels
(PATRONIZED BY ROYALTY)

Strabane, Londonderry, Castlerock, and Coleraine.

Under the Personal Superintendence of the
Proprietress, - - - Mrs. GIBSON.

COMMERCIAL
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NORTHERN COUNTIES HOTEL,
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GOLF, ETC.



GOLF HOTEL, CASTLEROCK,
(18-HOLE LINKS)

ABERCORN ARMS HOTEL, STRABANE.

THE CORPORATION ARMS HOTEL, COLERAINE.

TELEGRAMS—"Neretel, Derry." "Golf Hotel, Castlerock." "Abercorn Arms, Strabane."
"Corporation Arms, Coleraine."
TELEPHONES—195, Derry; 35, Strabane; 4, Castlerock; 39, Coleraine.

THE FINEST HOTELS IN THE COUNTIES.

The Hotels are fitted up regardless of expense with all the latest improvements in house-furnishing and sanitary arrangements. Magnificent Dining, Smoking, Commercial, and Reception Rooms. The Bathrooms, Bedrooms, and Private Sitting Rooms are cheery and comfortable. The lighting, heating, and ventilation are perfect.

Garage, I.P. Headquarters, Irish Automobile Association, R.A. Club, and Motor Cyclists' Union.

A MOTOR OMNIBUS, with Porter, attends all Trains at Derry and Strabane.

Derry Almanac, 1918?

