

**Road: Earlsferry High Street**

**Number: 18-20**

**Name: Methven House**



**Notes:** Circa 1880. 2-storey hammer-dressed coursers with polished ashlar shop and door ground floor, staggd dressings one with chamfered margins at 1st to first. Panelled door to upper floors right, unaltered shop to left with central recessed door and 2 large windows, moulded and shouldered openings. Continuous entablature over shop and house door. Slated roof, straight skews and moulded ends and corniced stacks. Facet sundial part way up left skew. Harled rubble flanks.

**Notable history:** Originally grocers shop with flat above. Methven's then owned by Methven's son Jackie Bruce 1950s-70s. Had access to Links Road but now built on - probably second last shop in Earlsferry.

1935 Helen Methven grocer

Before that it as the home of James Forrester and Agnes Fenwick who were the parents of George and James Forrester. James and his wife ran the grocers shop there and James was also at one time the buyer for the linen produced in the linen weavers of Earlsferry and he would negotiate the price to be paid by Kirkcaldy linoleum merchants. In addition, James was a wine and spirit merchant and occasionally designed as a publican. The suggested date of building by Scotland's Places being 1880 suggests that there was another establishment on this plot earlier than this.