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A History of the Town of Belfast

Volume 1: From the Earliest Times to the Close of the Eighteenth Century

Volume 2: From 1799 to 1810

George Benn

First published in 1877, George Benn's seminal *A History of the Town of Belfast* continues to be very much in demand. With information on the topography of Belfast; the history of Presbyterianism; tenant rights; trade, industry and communications; water supplies; contemporary demographics; educational institutions; and notable individuals and families, Benn's lively, accessible and sometimes quirky approach to history makes this book an essential text for students, academics, genealogists and local historians.

Blackstaff's facsimile edition reproduces the original text, maps and illustrations, and includes new supplementary material, such as a preface, a list of corrections and a revised index.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Much-loved and cited original edition still in great demand
- Strong appeal to students, academics, local historians, genealogists
 - Beautifully produced facsimile edition
 - Paperback edition great value for money

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GEORGE BENN (1801–1882) was born in Belfast and educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. A celebrated Ulster scholar and philanthropist, he wrote numerous papers on Belfast history, culminating in the much-venerated *A History of the Town of Belfast*. Benn and his brother, Edward, also ran a successful distillery in County Down and a mine in County Armagh. Their charitable donations were instrumental in establishing three hospitals and the York Street Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church.