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*at Banbridge District Council, Civic Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge*

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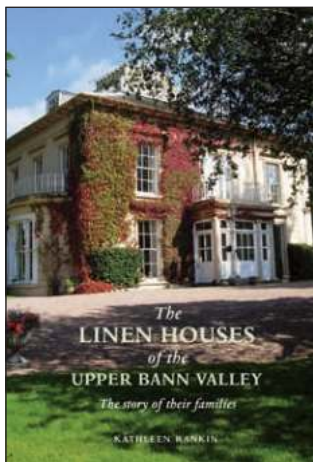
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