

The Jaffe Fountain in Victoria Square was constructed in 1874 to honour **Daniel Joseph Jaffe**. Jaffe was born in 1809 in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. In 1845, he visited Belfast from his Hamburg headquarters to purchase linen to sell from Germany throughout the continent. Persuaded to create his own linen house in Belfast, he moved here five years later. He built Belfast's first synagogue. His son, Otto Jaffe, was elected to the City Council and twice served as Lord Mayor. Otto later received a knighthood.

In 1933 the fountain it was moved to a site at Botanic Gardens, on the embankment near King's Bridge, where it remained for more than 70 years, neglected and largely ignored - until recently.

Multi Development - the developers of Victoria Square - facilitated its restoration and relocation in conjunction with the owners of the monument, Belfast City Council.

In 2007, the monument was taken to England and given a full-scale restoration by Telford-based company Eura Conservation, which had to dismantle it piece by piece because of its fragile condition.

Extensive research and scientific analysis was also carried out on the various layers of paint in order to uncover the colours the original designers intended.

The Fountain was returned to Victoria Square on 14 February 2008.

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