

Notes on the families of Chamberlain and Harben

The last time we met was, I think, when we blew up a snail with gunpowder

Joseph Chamberlain when reunited with his boyhood friend who had since become the Solicitor-General for Ireland. Page 18

An extraordinarily intimate glimpse of the Chamberlain and Harben families.

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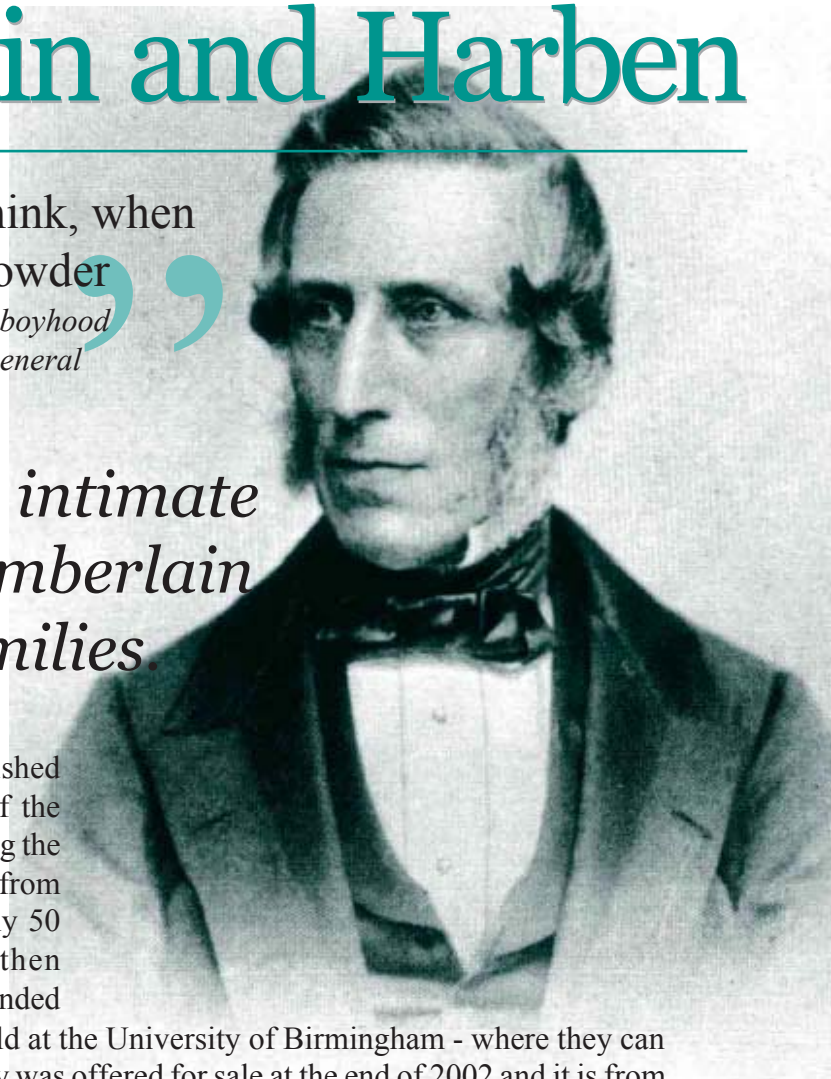
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The Second Joseph Chamberlain, photographed in 1859, opposite page 54



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Thomas Harben, about 1770, opposite page 32

Thomas Harben., Esq

*Maltster, Shopkeeper, Banker, Magistrate and Ironmonger,
1736-1803.*

“ *not a fit associate on the Bench...*

is notorious for his want of education.

*... ignorance particulary of the Laws of
his country.* ”

Comments by Sir Godfrey Vassell Webster, Baronet., to the Lewes Quarter Sessions in 1795, on the appointment of Thomas Harben., Esq., to the Bench. He also choose to have these comments published in both local Sussex and London papers. Thomas Harben replied in full... Pages 36 onwards...

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