

JAMES, CHARLES HERBERT (1817 - 1890), M.P.

Name: Charles Herbert James

Date of birth: 1817

Date of death: 1890

Spouse: Sarah James (née Thomas)

Parent: William James

Gender: Male

Occupation: M.P.

Area of activity: Politics, Government and Political Movements

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Born 16 June 1817, youngest son of William James, maltster, of Merthyr Tydfil, who was a brother of [Christopher James](#) (see [James, Sir William Milbourne](#)). He was educated at [Taliesin Williams's](#) school at Merthyr and at Goulstone's boarding school, Bristol (1830-2). On leaving school he was articled to William Perkins (afterwards his partner) and admitted solicitor in 1838. He married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Thomas, founder of the firm of Christopher Thomas, soap manufacturers, Bristol. He played an active part in the civic life of Merthyr, was chairman of the Science and Art Committee, and an enthusiastic supporter of the town library. Brought up a Wesleyan, he later became a Unitarian, and president of the Unitarian Association. He was one of the chief sponsors of [Henry Richard](#) in 1868 and in 1880 joined him in the representation of the Merthyr Boroughs. In 1888 he retired in favour of [D. A. Thomas, lord Rhondda](#). He died at Merthyr, 3 October 1890. In 1892 were published three slight volumes by him entitled *Seven Lectures on Various Subjects; Letters ... giving a Description of the Customs and Rules of the House of Commons*; and *What I remember about myself and old Merthyr*.

Author

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