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The content in this book is about the leather industry in the town Walsall in England. It's «modern» history is about 200 years. But the tanning industry part is much older. The book have a subtitle «The world's saddlers». And that tells the most about this history as is spread over 130 pages, divided in to seven chapters. It's a picture/photo book and all together give the photos a diverse impression, impressive to see the, but you can not either avoid to be suprised by understanding how much of the handcraft as survived in this industry, all the way up to our days – when you study the photos – as is substantiated with texts, so you can orient you quite easy. This suprise comes also (or of) by thought on the industrial revolution, as have given a impression that all handcraft was sweeped away to advantage of machines. On the hand leads it also to the only strange matter for the undersigner by reading this book. It is about the absence (mentions ??) of unions in Walsall Leather Industry. Particular when you read in the section «Working Conditions» are you thinking on it. Else is it possible to buy the book on Walsall Leather Museums webpage, (www.walsall.gov.uk). Or on Amazon Book on internet,