

James Milliken, (22 Jan 1811 – 29 Dec 1886), The Elizabeth Herald, Friday December 31, 1886

James Milliken Sr. – A telegram received yesterday announced the death at Baltimore of **Mr. James Milliken**, whose critical condition was announced in an earlier issue of our paper. He died at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. Mr. Milliken lived for many years in Elizabeth where he leaves many warm friends. He was born Jan. 22, 1811 in Indiana County, and was nearly 74 years of age. He came to Elizabeth when quite a young man, and was employed about the boat-yards. He married **Mrs. Maria Walden** and subsequently was engaged in conducting the Mansion House. Afterwards he was in business as a lumber dealer and contractor. For some years he lived in Hazelwood with his son **James**, but of late has made his home with his daughter, **Mrs. J. C. Barkley**, in Baltimore, where he died. He was physically a very powerful man in his prime and remained a very large man to the time of his death. He was a great reader, had a vast fund of information on men and events, and a rare story-teller, of an ever genial and happy disposition and in every way was a most companionable man. His brother **Samuel** is Superintendent of Lock No. 5.

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James Milliken was engaged much in the same way as his brother **Samuel**, and often times was a partner with him, especially in the heavy work of taking timber out of the woods. **James** was a tall, very heavy and very active man. He was possessed of immense strength, and it is said that his equal in felling a tree could not be found. On a certain occasion he hired the best woodsman in West Virginia to assist him in taking out some heavy sticks on the Lobbs Place. The Virginian asserted that he could beat any man in the country felling a tree. **James** accepted the challenge, the trees were chosen and each went to work. **James'** tree soon reached the ground and when he went to see how the Virginian was coming on he found him about half through. He finished and immediately left the woods, and in all probability the world, as he was never known to have been seen afterwards.

James for a time went into the hotel business in the Elizabeth Mansion House. He succeeded well and was always esteemed a very affable and agreeable landlord. His wife being a **Walden** was a sufficient guarantee of the quality of the table, but she suddenly died on July 3, 1852, aged 55 years. This sad and unexpected event deranged all his plans and he went back to the old business walk in so far as his health permitted. Both these men are living, **James** with his son in Pittsburgh, and **Samuel** at Lock No. 5 on the Monongahela, of which he is superintendent.

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