

MILTON,

Located on Broadkirk Creek, navigable for large sized schooners. Milton was formerly one of the principal grain shipping towns in the county, but since the advent of railroads, its glory in a measure has departed.

Where 10,000 bushels of grain were formerly shipped from Milton, 1,000 would now fill the bill, but what Milton has lost in that respect it has gained in others. Business has become more varied and the town is gradually gaining in importance. One of the latest improvements of the town is the new hotel erected by P. J. Hart, and of which he is the good natured and accommodating host. Mr. Hart formerly kept the Ponder House in Milton, and had the reputation of keeping a first class hotel, a reputation which has followed him to his own hotel. Ship-building in Milton is very dull at the present time; in fact, there is none doing and the ship-carpenters have gone to cutting wood.

A little over a year ago two sons of David Lank, a shipbuilder of Milton, were lost at sea in such a manner that the parents do not know whether they are dead or alive. One of them, Captain Edward Lank, was about 25 years of age, and his brother William, a mate, was aged about 21.

They had charge of the schooner James Satterthwait, owned principally by ex-Governor Ponder and William Prettyman, and came to the Walton, Whann & Co's phosphate works in this city, and took on a cargo of phosphate for Wilmington, North Carolina. Another Milton man was also on the schooner, but his name is not remembered. They sailed from Wilmington, Del., about Christmas, and neither the men nor the vessel have ever been heard from since they were seen off Cape Hatteras in a Northeast gale.