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# Old River Captain, Once 'Boss' of 'Mud Clerk' James J. Hill, Dies

John W. Callender Came Here in  
the '50's, Driving by Ox Team  
From New England.

John W. Callender, old-time steamboat captain and river pilot, who made the run between Wisconsin points and St. Paul before the civil war and for whom James J. Hill worked in his early boyhood as a "mud clerk" on the steamboat wharves at St. Paul, died late yesterday at the home of his son, S. W. Callender, 60 Highland avenue. He had come to Minnesota in the early '50's, traveling practically all the way from Sheffield, Mass., where he was born, to this state by oxen team. The last stage of the journey was made by steamboat and it was while on his river journey that Mr. Callender, then a young man, first gained knowledge of the work he was to follow later.

Mr. Callender served in various positions in river navigation and it was while he was handling freight boats that he became acquainted with Mr. Hill, who was referred to then along the St. Paul river front as the "mud clerk," that name being the designation for the freight clerk. In 1870 Mr. Callender moved to Jordan, Minn., where he was elected to several terms in the legislature, as a member from Scott county.

Mr. Callender also served terms as county commissioner and assessor. He moved to Minneapolis in 1889, where he took up his residence with his son, Sherman W. Callender of the Callender-Vanderhoof company, commission merchants.

The funeral services will be conducted Friday at the Fifth Presbyterian church, Lyndale and Fourth ave-



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nues N. Interment will be at 4 p.m. in Oakland cemetery, St. Paul. Mr. Callender was 89 years old. He leaves two sons, G. S. Callender and S. W. Callender, both of Minneapolis.

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