

JAMES, Sir WILLIAM MILBOURNE (1807 - 1881), Lord Justice

Name: William Milbourne James
Date of birth: 1807
Date of death: 1881
Spouse: Maria James (née Otter)
Parent: Christopher James
Gender: Male
Occupation: Lord Justice
Area of activity: Law; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
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Born 1807 at Merthyr Tydfil, son of Christopher James, a prosperous provision merchant, uncle of [C. H. James](#). He was educated at the school kept by [John James](#) of Gellionnen (1779 - 1864), and at Glasgow University, and was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn in 1831. He practised for some years on the South Wales circuit but later confined his activities to his extensive Chancery practice. In 1846 he married Maria, daughter of William Otter, bishop of Chichester. He was knighted in 1869 and appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in 1870. An enthusiastic Liberal in politics, he was considered for the Merthyr Tydfil nomination when his cousin [Charles Herbert James](#) was elected in 1880, but he had lost touch with Welsh affairs and was little interested in Welsh national movements. He died 7 June 1881 at his London residence.

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