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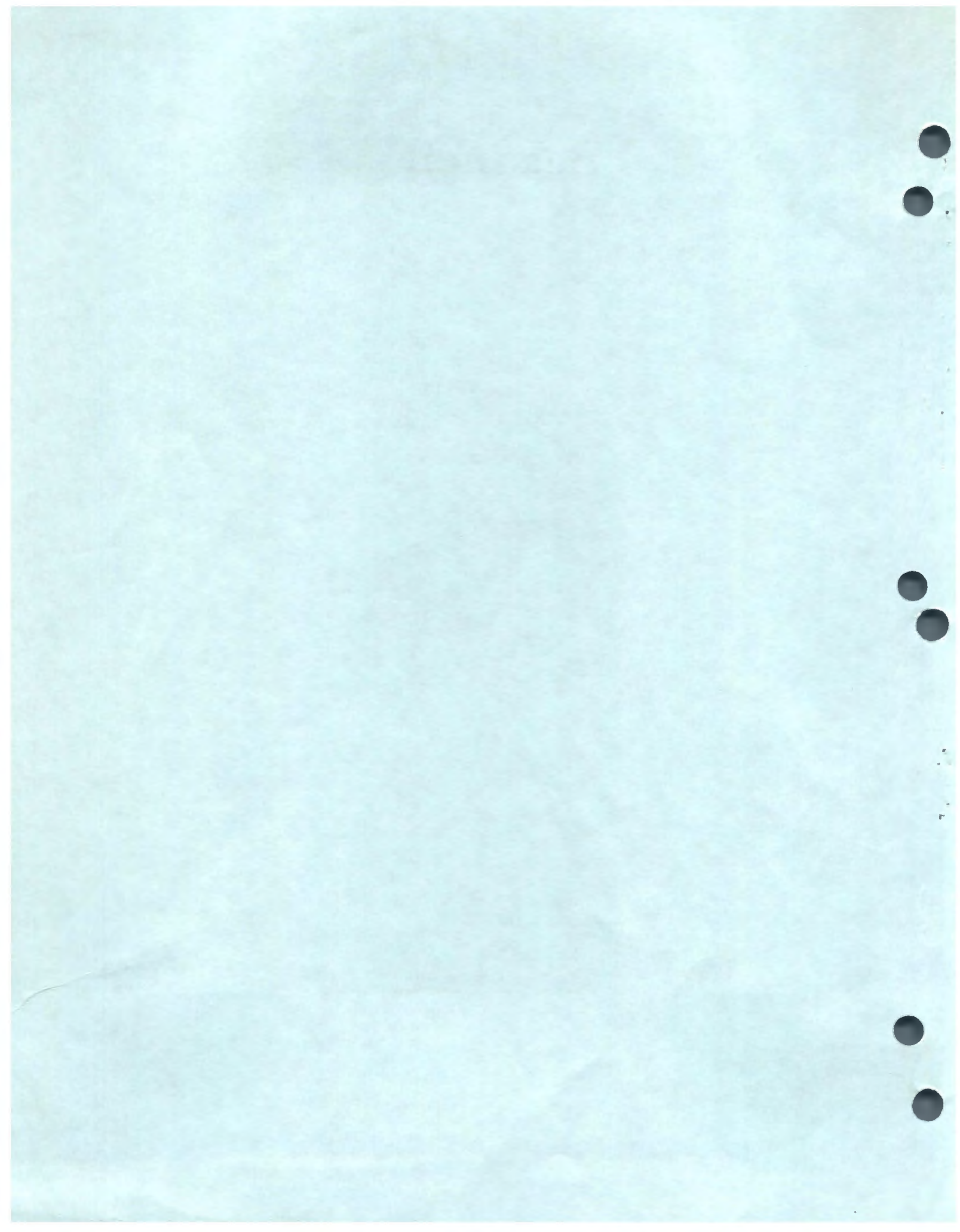
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B E A D N E L L

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(Appreciation goes to two of Thomas Beadnell's granddaughters, Clara Beadnell Silvey of Bisbee, Ariz. and Elizabeth Beadnell Estes of Owensboro, Ky. and to a grandson, Thomas Leland Beadnell of Penrod, Ky. for information found in this article.)

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Capt. Thomas Beadnell, the antecedent of all Beadnells in Muhlenberg County was born in Durham County, England in 1834 or 1835. He came to America from Liverpool, England, while yet a young man. He married Sarah Elizabeth Hoskinson in Muhlenberg County in 1868. Thomas Beadnell died near Penrod April 8, 1897, and with his wife, Elizabeth and all his children, is buried in the cemetery at Mt. Moriah Church, east of Penrod.

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It is popularly believed that Thomas Beadnell made his first stop in America in Pennsylvania, before moving on to Ohio. It was in Cincinnati, Ohio on Feb. 3, 1864, that he joined the US Navy. The name apparently on the military service papers is Bignell, one of several misspellings of his name, even in Muhlenberg County. He served as "Captain of the After Guard" in the navy, aboard the USS Grampus, the Eastport, the Osage and the Hastings, before he was discharged in Cairo, Ill. on Feb. 2, 1865.

From there, he may have come to Muhlenberg County -- and it was probably the coal mining industry which attracted him to this area. In the South Carrollton area of the county, on Dec. 28, 1868, he married Sarah Elizabeth Hoskinson, daughter of the well-known miner, W. H. (Jack) (sometime John) Hoskinson, later prominent in mining at Mud River.

On the marriage license, which is the first official notation of Thomas Beadnell being in the county, his name again was misspelled. This time it was written as Bidnell. He was 34 years of age -- a point that may move his birth year back to 1834, rather than 1835. He listed his occupation as a miner, and noted the fact that this was his fourth marriage. Little is known of the other marriages, or where they occurred, but one was to Levina Tipton. Later, in a census, we will find Thomas and Elizabeth, with a child, Kattie Tipton living with them. She was eleven, and said to be Thomas Beadnell's step-daughter. She probably would have been Levinia's child, by a previous marriage.

Tiptons do not appear in a Muhlenberg County census until 1860 when Reuben and Mary Tipton came here from Tennessee in about 1858 with their children, William, John, Ellenor and an unnamed two-year-old child. So Thomas' marriage to Levina Tipton probably was in another county--maybe even another state.

On Elizabeth's side of the marriage license, she lists her age as 18, and this as her first marriage, while stating she was born in Kentucky. Elizabeth was indeed, born in Kentucky, to H. Jackson Hoskinson and Elizabeth Howard Hoskinson in 1852.

The wedding took place at the home of "John" Hoskinson, another name for Elizabeth's father, on Dec. 28, 1868, in South Carrollton, where the Hoskinsons lived prior to moving to Mud River. Charles Selby swore to the truth of the information on the marriage license, which was issued by Thomas Bruce, county clerk.

In the 1870 census, first for Thomas and Elizabeth as a family,

Thomas stated his age to be 38, Elizabeth was 19, and Kattie (Hettie?) Tipton, the step-daughter was 11. Thomas was a coal miner, and lived in the general Central City-South Carrollton area. The census taker listed the name as "Beanell".

Interesting to note is the fact that Thomas and Elizabeth were censused twice in 1870. They apparently had moved and the second census taker listed them as Thomas and Elizabeth "Bidwell" with Kattie Tipton now being "Catherine".

On Feb. 25, 1871, their first child was born. They named her Mary Elizabeth, but called her Mollie. She was later to marry Martin Blaine. A second child, Hugh Jackson, "Hughie" was born in 1874. Before the 1880 census was taken, another child was added. This one, William Lee, known as Bill, was born Feb. 16, 1878, and ultimately married Jemima Era Hughes. He was the father of the above mentioned Elizabeth Estes of Owensboro and Thomas Leland Beadnell of Penrod.

When that 1880 census was taken, the Beadnells had moved to near Mud River Mine, probably between the mine and what is now Highway 949 from Penrod to Gus. Thomas was still engaged in coal mining, and their three children were 9, 6 and 2. Kattie Tipton was gone from the household, but no marriage license has been found for her.

Four more children were born in the 1880s. Thomas Estill, known as Tom, was born on July 16, 1880. His marriage to LeOttie McPherson produced several children, among them Clara Silvey, who provided so much help in his endeavor. The second was Margaret, later known as Maggie, born on Aug. 13, 1882, and married later to Ed Hughes. Then came George, on May 31, 1884, later to be the husband of Mary Lovell and Josephine, who later married Walter Brumley. She was born on July 1, 1886.

The eighth, and final child was born on March 30, 1890, and was named Grover Cleveland. He and his wife, Janie Smith, have several descendants living in Muhlenberg County today.

On April 8, 1897, Thomas Beadnell died at his home, and was buried at Mt. Moriah. His wife, Elizabeth, lived until 1913, and is also buried at Mt. Moriah.

In the 1900 census, Elizabeth Beadnell was 49-years-old, and was living at home, with five of her children, Bill, Tom, Grover, George and Josephine. Mollie and Maggie were married. Hugh Jackson was deceased. He is also buried at Mt. Moriah.

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Here are the children of Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth Hoskinson Beadnell:

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(1) Mary Elizabeth, known as Mollie, was born Feb. 25, 1871. She married Martin (Mart) Blaine on April 6, 1887, and died July 27, 1906. Martin Blaine was born April 8, 1859 and died May 21, 1941.

Their children include: (a) Verna, born July 23, 1888, who married Herman Rives on Dec. 10, 1905. Verna died at a young age (22) on June 24, 1910 and is buried at Mt. Moriah; (b) Annie, born June 23, 1890 and died on May 29, 1915. She was married to Harry Sims; (c) Bessie, born Aug. 7, 1891, married Will Shinn; (d) Oscar, married Delia Penrod; (e) Maggie Mae, born June 23, 1902 and died Feb. 18, 1974. Maggie was married three times, including a marriage to Herbert Bowers in 1924, and later to Buck Fulcher. She is buried at Ebenezer.

(2) Hugh Jackson, born in 1874 and died in 1895. According to both Elizabeth Estes and Clara Silvey, Hugh Jackson Beadnell was shot and killed near Mud River by a man identified as Ed McIntyre. Details of the incident are not known by the family other than Thomas Leland Beadnell says McIntyre served no time for the slaying.

(3) William Lee, called Bill, was born Feb. 16, 1878. He married Jemima Era Hughes (1-7-1884 to 12-31-1953) daughter of William and Jemima Blackwell Hughes.

Their children include: Grace (married to Elbert E. "Dutch" Jernigan), 1907-1938; LeClaire, 1909-1929; Hugh Jackson, a naval lieutenant in World War II, 1911-1950, killed in an automobile accident. Another child, Mary Jemima (Jan 12, 1914-Feb. 6, 1915) died when she was just over a year old. Still living is Elizabeth, who was born in Muhlenberg County on Jan. 1, 1916 and married Brazel Estes. Brazel was born Jan. 2, 1913 and died on Jan. 11, 1988. Elizabeth now resides in Owensboro, Ky. Also living is Thomas Leland Beadnell, who was born in 1919. He resides on Highway 431 between Penrod and Dunmor.

(4) Thomas Estill (Tom) was born July 16, 1880. Thomas married LeOttie Mae McPherson, daughter of John William (John Will), McPherson, a Baptist preacher and farmer, and Mary Elisabeth Shelton McPherson on Jan. 26, 1902. After her death on Dec. 26, 1920, Tom married Kate Hunt, daughter of Thomas and Susan Day Hunt and widow of Johnie Hunt. Tom Beadnell was a coal miner at Beech Creek in the early 1900s. He later moved to Butler County for a short period of time, then bought the Stogner farm on Rocky Creek, near Mud River. To Tom and LeOttie, six children were born.

They include: (a) Eva Mae, born June 26, 1903 and died on Dec. 20, 1931. She is buried at Dunmor. Eva Mae was married to Adren Veachel Silvey of Dunmor; (b) Annie Bell, born Jan. 16, 1905 and died July 24, 1974. She did not marry; (c) Howard Burton, born Jan. 7, 1907 and died Jan. 26, 1956. He was married to Idelle Hunt, daughter of D. M. Hunt of Gus; (d) Ruth Oledo, born Nov. 12, 1908 and died May 17, 1965. She was married first to Millard Gaston, and later to Carmel Williams; (e) Elsie, born Feb. 7, 1911, married Ellis Wood and lived near Dunmor. She was the mother of Betty Ruth (Mrs. Herald) Grayson of near Huntville, Shirley Sue Williams of Dunmor, Brenda Lois Peacock of Hammond, Ind. and Charles Wood of Lewisburg. Elsie died April 22, 1989 and is buried at Mt. Moriah; (f) Clara, the only surviving child, was born on Sept. 11, 1914 and lives in Bisbee, Arizona. She married Adren Veachel Silvey after the death of her sister, Eva Mae, to whom he was first married. Clara raised Eva's two young daughters, Jean and Joyce. Howard and Idelle Hunt also lived for many years in Arizona. A seventh child, Raymond Estill was born Aug. 22, 1913 and died on Sept. 2, 1913. He is buried at Wyatt's Chapel.

Howard Beadnell, Annie Bell Beadnell, Ruth Beadnell Williams, and Clara's late husband, Adren Veachel Silvey are buried in Bisbee's Evergreen Cemetery.

Thomas Estill Beadnell died Sept. 18, 1959 and is buried at Mt. Moriah.

(5) Margaret (Maggie) was born Aug. 13, 1882, and married Ed

Hughes on Jan. 28, 1900. They had one son, Hughie Hughes, who lived for many years at Beech Creek. Hughie Hughes (1901-1973) is buried in Jackson Cemetery, near Beech Creek. He and wife, Victoria, had two daughters, Coletta Mae (Mohon) and Wilma (Joines). Maggie died Sept. 18, 1902, just two years after her marriage. After Maggie's death, Ed Hughes married Mandy Vick, daughter of John and Delia Vick, and like Maggie, a descendant of Jackson Hoskinson. Ed and Mandy raised a large family.

(6) George was born May 31, 1884 and married Mary Lovell. He died on Jan. 31, 1975. Their children are (a and b) George and Grover, twins, born Aug. 30, 1918. Grover died Nov. 5, 1971. His wife, the former Mary Helen Lewis was born Nov. 9, 1925 and died Dec. 21, 1977. They are buried at Muhlenberg Memorial Gardens. George lives in Owensboro; (c) Mildred, born April 17, 1922, died Aug. 23, 1947. She was married to Calvin Sampson; (d) Dodson was born May 30, 1925 and is married to Ann Earl Walker; (e) Klyndal B., born Jan. 30, 1928, married Barbara Croft, and died on July 10, 1977; and (f), Delna was born Sept. 17, 1930. She married Obie Farmer.

(7) Josephine, called Josie, was born July 1, 1886 and died Sept. 1, 1985. She lived 99 years and two months. She was married for many years to Walter Green Brumley, a mine foreman at Beech Creek. Walter was born Sept. 30, 1884 and died Aug. 16, 1963. They are also buried at Mt. Moriah. Their children included: a son, Walter, called "Little Walter", and eight daughters, Oberia, Claudia, Pearl, Louise, Bertha, Theo, Phyllis and Sybil. Two other children, Bessie Madeline (April 11, 1905 to Nov. 4, 1906) and Edith Carrie (Nov. 22, 1919 to Nov. 2, 1920), died young.

(8) Grover Beadnell was the last child of Thomas and Elizabeth. He was born March 30, 1890 and died April 13, 1975. On Sept. 16, 1914, he married Mary Jane (Janie) Smith (1897-1937), daughter of Philip Dawson and Mary Ellen Blaine Smith. They had seven children: Bessie, who was born in 1915 and died from burns in 1923; Lois (Young) of Greenville, William, Eugene (1921-1964), Pauline, Sheila and Fred. Some of Grover's and Janie's children and grandchildren still live in Muhlenberg and Logan counties.

There was also a Robert Beadnell who once lived in Muhlenberg County. He was married to Nora Evitts on Dec. 15, 1919. Robert, who was born in 1874 and died in 1937, was a nephew of the senior Capt. Thomas Beadnell. He and Nora were also the parents of Bessie Beadnell Knight of Beechmont, who with her husband recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.