

WESTMORELAND

June 22, 1897⁹, the Abbey No. 3 mine T. F. Jolly, lessee, Collinsville, **Thos. Westmoreland**, of Collinsville, a miner, 40 years of age, and married, was killed by falling coal. He was undermining the heel of a loose shot when about a ton of coal rolled over on him crushing in his skull. Strange to say he lived for five hours after the accident. He had been cautioned by the machine runner (Matthew Forbes) who told him to take it down as it was dangerous, and he was in the act of doing so, when he got caught. The room when I inspected it was in good condition. He leaves a widow and four children.

*Thomas Westmoreland obituary from June 22, 1897 excerpt from
Wayne's World of History and Genealogy website: [https://hinton-
gen.com/coal/madisonfatal.html#w](https://hinton-gen.com/coal/madisonfatal.html#w)*