

DIVIDE COUNTY

Planning Unit 095: AML Printout #507: T162N, R95W, Section 3, S1/2

Additional Legal Location: 1) SE, NE and 2) SE, N1/2

Name:

Evanson Coal Mine (1910-1911)
Noonan Coal Mine (1912-1915)

Lorbeski Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1916-1924)

Category: Commercial/local and regional

Owner:

Ed Evanson (1910-1911)
Dr. C.H. McDonald and
J.L. Loubeski (1912-1913)

John Lorbeski (aka Loubeski and Lobeski) (1914 likely to 1924)

Type: Underground, slope, double entry

| | | Thickness | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Overburden: | Coal Seam: | Mined: | Source: |
| 25-30 ft. | 7 ft. | 5 ft. | SEBR:1912 |
| 30 ft. | 6-7 ft. | 6 ft. | SEBR:1914, 1916, 1918 |

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32DV11 (see Notes, below)

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1910, and it likely was in operation prior to that time, since the main entry of the mine extended 1,000 ft. by early 1912. Dr. C.H. McDonald and J.L. Loubeski purchased the mine, developed a new slope, and began operations in September 1913. In about 1914/1915, John Loubeski (aka Lorbeski and Lobeski) apparently took complete control of the mine; in 1916 the mine was almost worked out and Loubeski indicated that he intended to develop a new slope just across the coulee from his current slope. In 1921, it is noted that this mine is "almost exhausted," and the mine is listed as abandoned in 1923 and closed in 1924; it is assumed that the mine ceased operation at about that time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

CAL:1912 (163)
CMID:1921 (28)
SEBR:1912 (110-111)
SEBR:1914 128)

SEBR:1916 (133)
SEBR:1918 (139)
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)
(see Notes, below)

Notes:

The Parker Coal Mine, Hought (aka Houglet and Haught) Coal Mine, and the Ford & Light Co. (later Light Bros. Coal Co.) also are located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Evanson/Noonan/Lorbeski Coal Mine (continued)

The Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine also is located in part at this Planning Unit and AML location. The Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine, which apparently began operations at T162N, R95W, Sections 11 and 10, expanded to include portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 12, and according to a 1940 WCB map, features associated with the Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine included the "abandoned Noonan Coal Mine entrance."

Site 32DV11, which records the Baukol-Noonan Mine, includes the area in which the Evanson/Noonan, Lorbeski Coal Mine was located, and it also includes reference to this mine.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CAL:1912(163)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Leonard et al.:1925(78)

NDGS:1921(Bulletin 4)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)

Mine: Evanson Coal Mine (1910-1911)
 Noonan Coal Mine (1912-1915)
 Lorbeski Coal Mine (1916-1917)
 Lorbeski Coal Co. (1918-1924)

Planning Unit: 095
 AML Number: 507

| Year | Days Operated | Employees | Price Per Ton | Tons Produced | Tons | | Owner or Superintendent* |
|------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | Local | Trade | |
| 1910 | 120 | 12 | 1.50 | 3,000 | yes | yes | Ed Evanson |
| 1911 | 250 | 15 | 1.50 | 7,000 | Yes | yes | Ed Evanson |
| 1912 | 132 | 8 | 1.75 | 1,485 | yes | 2,507 | Dr. D.H. McDonald & J.L. Loubeski |
| 1913 | 90 | 5 | 2.0 | 2,671 | yes | 2,507 | Dr. D.H. McDonald & J.L. Loubeski |
| 1914 | 295 | 11 | 1.85t | 3,766 | yes | none | John Lobeski |
| 1915 | 283 | 9 | 1.98 | 8,500 | yes | 7,835 | John Lobeski |
| 1916 | 156 | 10 | 1.75 | 5,513 | no data | 5,513 | John Lorbeski |
| 1917 | no data | 12 | 2.75 | 7,554 | 240 | 7,554 | John Lorbeski |
| 1919 | 280 | 17 | no data | 7,647 | no data | no data | J.L. Lorbeski** |
| 1920 | 232 | 11 | 3.25 | 7,521 | 532 | 6,989 | John L. Lorbeski** |
| 1921 | 122 | 17 | 3.50 | 5,472 | 1,112 | 4,360 | J. Lorbeski** |
| 1922 | 232 | 22 | 2.75 | 6,066 | 1,921 | 4,145 | J. Lorbeski** |
| 1923 | no data | no data | no data | no data | no data | no data | J. Lorbeski** |
| 1923 | "abandoned" | | | | | | |
| 1924 | "closed" | | | | | | |

*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

**Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.

t Amount listed as "estimated."