

**MERCER COUNTY**

Planning Unit 065: AML Printout #156: T144N, R85W, Section 14

Additional Legal Location: Section 14, NW, SE, NE

Name:	Owner:
Sailer Coal Mine	Wellington F. Brockway (see Notes, below)

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, slope (see Notes, below)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	No data	No data	Not applicable

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32ME522

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Sailer Coal Mine that was operated at the above listed location was developed by Andrew Sailer on land owned by Wellington F. Brockway. The mine apparently was operated at this location in 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930 as an underground, slope mine (see Notes, below); however, a local informant indicated that he remembered that the mine was a small surface operation excavated by hand and with teams of horses. This informant also indicated that the mine did not formally employ help, but that work was accomplished by individuals who were paid in coal. No mine-associated features ever were constructed in association with this mine.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32ME522)

Notes:

It should be noted that a Sailer Bros. Mine is listed in CMID reports in 1921 and 1923 and a Sailer Coal Mine is listed in 1925, 1926-1930 (see table, this mine), 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938. Andrew Sailer is listed as superintendent of the mine from 1926 through 1932; Carl Sailer, Jr., is listed as superintendent in 1934; and remaining years' reports do not list a superintendent. Production figures have been provided only for the years 1927 through 1930, however, because in these years either the production figures or the summary of inspection or both, as provided in CMID reports, list Stanton, North Dakota, as the post office of the mine. Stanton is the community associated most closely with

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this Planning Unit and AML location. Remaining years listing a Sailer Coal Mine list Beulah, Hazen, or Krem as the post office; since these communities are varying distances from this Planning Unit and AML location and it is entirely possible that Andrew Sailer developed a number of small mines throughout the area, only those years that included reference to Stanton have been provided on the production table for this mine.

Those CMID reports listing a Sailer Coal Mine, with a Stanton post office, list the mine as an underground, slope mine. A local informant indicated that the mine was a small surface operation. The feature recorded at the mine when it was recorded as a cultural resource site in 1982 was described as "an amorphously-shaped depression. . .similar in appearance to collapsed underground lignite coal mines in this area, but may be a surface mine remnant."

Deed title transfer examination conducted by HASI (1983) indicated that the land on which this mine was operated was owned by Wellington F. Brockway from 1913 until 1931, when the land was transferred. If Andrew Sailer did operate the Sailer Mine at this location from 1927 through 1930, Brockway would have been the landowner.

The Borner Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32ME522)

Mine: Sailer Coal Mine

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1927	125	3	2.00	750	750	none	Andrew Sailer**
1928	125	3	2.00	450	450	none	Andrew Sailer**
1929	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	Andrew Sailer**
1930	180	2	1.75	800	800	none	Andrew Sailer**

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

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