

MERCER COUNTY

Planning Unit 065: AML Printout #154: T144N, R85W, Section 23, NE, NW

Additional Legal Location: Section 23, NE, NW, N1/2

Name:

Owner:

White Flame Coal Co. (aka Smith Coal Mine)

Ben Janssen (possibly)

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, shaft (1927); Underground, drift (1928-1939)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	10-12 ft.	No data	Leonard et al.:1925

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32ME633

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1927. The mine is reported continuously from 1927 through 1939, when it is listed as not operating. It is not known if the mine ceased operation or if the mine was operated but not reported following 1939. (See Notes, below.)

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32ME633) WCB Map:1938

Notes:

It should be noted that a local informant indicated that his uncle, John A. Teuber, started this mine in 1914 or 1915. The mine had water problems and Teuber sold the mine to Ben Johnson in about 1917, when the mine became known as the White Flame Mine. However, as indicated, the first listing noted for the White Flame mine was in the 1927 CMID, when the superintendent of the mine is listed as Ben Janssen, and the mine is listed as a new mine. The Bureau of Mines (1948) does report data recorded in 1919 about a John Teuber Mine at T144N, R85W, Section 23; however, no part section was provided. This may have been a coal test pit driven by Teuber (date unknown), which was located in an area of Section 23 not identified by this Planning Unit and AML location.

White Flame Coal Co. (continued)

The 1938 WCB map that illustrates a mine in T144N, R85W, Section 23, NE, NW, indicates that the mine was named the Smith Mine and that it was operated by Ben Janssen. The mine name noted in association with superintendent Ben Janssen in the 1938 CMID is White Flame Coal Co. Therefore, it has been assumed that the mine referred to by the 1938 WCB map and the White Flame Coal Co. are the same mine.

Although no information was noted definitely indicating that Ben Janssen was the owner of this mine, a local informant indicated that his uncle, John A. Teuber sold this mine to a Ben Johnson. It is possible that Ben Johnson actually was Ben Janssen.

The Thuger Mine also may be located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Bureau of Mines:1948(78)
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Leonard et al.:1925(130)
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32ME633)
WCB:1938

Mine: White Flame Coal Co. (aka Mine)

Planning Unit: 065

AML Number: 154

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1927	186	3	1.36	1,403	1,403	none	Ben Janssen**
1927	"new mine"						
1928	128	4	2.00	1,798	1,798	none	Ben Janssen**
1929	118	4	2.00	1,372	1,372	none	Ben Janssen**
1930	114	3	2.00	1,147	1,147	none	Ben Janssen**
1931	91	2	1.92	792	792	none	Ben Janssen**
1932	95	2	1.20	785	785	none	Ben Janssen**
1933	84	2	1.50	792	792	none	Ben Janssen**
1934	85	2	1.70	1,036	1,036	none	Ben Janssen**
1935	no data	1	1.70	906.5	906.5	none	Ben Janssen**
1936	62	no data	1.50	502.5	502.5	none	Ben Janssen**
1937	62	no data	1.50	502.5	502.5	none	Ben Janssen**
1938	30	1	1.50	316	316	none	Ben Janssen**
1939	80	no data	1.50	429	429	none	Ben Jansen**
1939	"not operating"						

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

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