

**MERCER COUNTY**

Planning Unit 064: AML Printout #149: T144N, R88W, Section 12

Additional Legal Location: Section 12, NE and T145N, R87, Section 12, NE  
(see Notes, below)

Name: Kessler (aka Kesler, Keszeler) Coal Mine  
(aka Geo. Kessler Mine) Owner: Geo. Kessler

Category: Commercial/local and regional  
Type: Underground, drift (1917);  
Underground, shaft (1923);  
Underground, slope (1925-1930)

	Thickness		
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
30 ft.	18 ft.	14 ft.	SEBR:1918
No data	18 ft.	9 ft.	CMID:1926
No data	18 ft.	10-12 ft.	Leonard et al.:1925

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was opened in September 1917. The mine is reported sporadically from 1917 through 1930, when it is listed as closed. No listings were noted for the mine following 1930, and it is assumed that the mine ceased operations at about that time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1921(22)	Leonard et al.:1925(127-128)
CMID:1926(45)	SEBR:1918(151)

Notes:

Leonard et al. (1925) indicates that the Kessler Mine was located in T144N, R88W, Section 12, NE. Leonard et al. (1925), the 1926 CMID, and the 1918 SEBR indicate that the mine was situated about 3 or 3.5 miles north of Beulah (which could place it in T144N, R88W, Section 12). However, the 1918 SEBR lists T145N, R87W, Section 12, NE as the legal location of the Kessler Coal Mine. Since the 1918 SEBR also indicates that the mine was situated about 3.5 miles north of Beulah, which could not be described by the legal location listed in the 1918 SEBR, and all other sources indicate that the mine was located at T144N, R88W, Section 12, NE or from 3 to 3.5 miles north of Beulah, it has been assumed that the legal location provided in the 1918 SEBR is in error.

Kessler Coal Mine (continued)

Portions of the Knife River Coal Mining Co. mine are located at this Planning Unit and AML location. However, since the Knife River Coal Mining Co. also is located in part at Planning Unit 064, AML location 150 and Planning Unit 064, AML location 582, and these locations precede the present location on the AML Printout, all information pertinent to the Knife River Coal Mining Co. is included with Planning Unit 064, AML location 150 (first in order of the three planning units and AML locations that contain portions of the mine).

1951 and 1952 WCB maps of the Knife River Coal Mining Co. delineate the old Kessler Mine.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Leonard et al.:1925(127-128)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

WCB:1951, 1952 (of Knife River Coal Mining Co.)

Mine: Kessler (aka Kesler, Keszeler)  
Coal Mine (aka Geo. Kessler  
Mine)

Planning Unit: 064  
AML Number: 149

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1917	48	4	1.75	1,054	yes	740	Geo. Kesler
1919	no report, not listed						
1920	no report, not listed						
1921	120	1	2.00	800	690	110	Geo. Kessler**
1922	no report, not listed						
1923	no report, listed						
1924	no report, not listed						
1925	no report, listed						
1926	60	2	2.00	300	300	none	Geo. Keszler**
1927	100	1	2.00	200	200	none	Geo. Kessler**
1928	30	1	2.00	200	200	none	Geo. Kessler**
1929	"not reported"						
1930	"closed"						

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

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