

**MORTON COUNTY**

Planning Unit 044: AML Printout #392: T138N, R85W, Section 5, NE, NE

Additional Legal Location: No part section

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Name:                             | Owner:  |
| Schmitt Coal Mine (1935)          | No data |
| Schmidt Coal Mine (1936)          |         |
| Schmitt Coal Mine (1937-1938)     |         |
| Wm. V. Schmitt Mine (1939)        |         |
| Schmitt Coal Mine (1940-1942)     |         |
| Dry Mine (1943)                   |         |
| Dry Mine Coal Company (1944-1945) |         |

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface)

|             |            |           |                     |
|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
|             |            | Thickness |                     |
| Overburden: | Coal Seam: | Mined:    | Source:             |
| No data     | Over 5 ft. | No data   | Leonard et al.:1925 |

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1935, and it was operated and reported continuously from 1935 through 1942, when it is listed as not operating. The 1943 CMID Summary of Inspection indicates that the Dry Mine was "formerly Schmitt Mi." Production figures are provided for the mine in the 1944 CMID, and the 1944 CMID Summary of Inspection indicates that the mine was "not operating." The 1945 CMID lists the Dry Mine Coal Company; however, production figures are not provided. Rather, the report indicates "Tonnage included with Skalsky's Report"; Joe Skalsky is listed as superintendent of both the Dry Mine and the Skalsky Mine in 1945. No separate listings were noted for the Dry Mine following 1945, and it is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated and not reported, or if its production was reported under some other mine name.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

WCB Map:n.d.

Notes:

The WCB map for the Wm. V. Schmitt Coal Mine indicates that the mine is located at T138N, R85W, Section 5; however, the map does not provide a part section. Therefore, it is not known if this mine was located at this Planning Unit and AML location (T138N, R85W, Section

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5, NE, NE), or if the mine was situated in some other portion of Section 5.

The Bean/Schmidt & Bean Coal Mine also is located in T138N, R85W, Section 5, and may be located at this Planning Unit and AML location. Additionally, Wilder (1902) and Leonard et al. (1925) indicate that mining occurred in T138N, R85W, Section 5.

Leonard et al.'s (1925) information about the thickness of the coal seam is in reference to T138N, R85W, Section 5 as a whole, and does not pertain specifically to the Schmitt/Dry Mine Coal Company.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Leonard et al.:1925(134)

WCB:n.d.

Mine: Schmitt Coal Mine (1935)  
 Schmidt Coal Mine (1936)  
 Schmitt Coal Mine (1937-1938)  
 Wm.V. Schmitt Mine (1939)  
 Schmitt Coal Mine (1940-1942)  
 Dry Mine (1943)  
 Dry Mine Coal Company (1944-1945)

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Days Operated</u>  | <u>Employees</u> | <u>Price Per Ton</u> | <u>Tons Produced</u> | <u>Tons Local Trade</u> | <u>Tons Shipped</u> | <u>Owner or Superintendent*</u> |
|-------------|---|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1935        | "new mine"  |                  |                      |                      |                         |                     |                                 |
| 1936        | no data   | no data          | 1.75                 | 60                   | 60                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmidt**                |
| 1937        | 70  | no data          | 1.00                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. Schmitt**                   |
| 1938        | no data   | no data          | 1.00                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmitt**                |
| 1939        | 30  | no data          | 1.75                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmitt**                |
| 1940        | 10  | no data          | 1.00                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmitt**                |
| 1941        | 30  | no data          | 1.00                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmitt**                |
| 1942        | 60  | no data          | 1.00                 | 50                   | 50                      | none                | Wm. V. Schmitt**                |
| 1942        | "not operating"   |                  |                      |                      |                         |                     |                                 |
| 1943        | No listing provided in production figures tables; however, the Summary of Inspection indicates that the Dry Mine was "formerly Schmitt Mi." |                  |                      |                      |                         |                     |                                 |
| 1944        | 72  | 2                | 2.40                 | 1,270                | 1,270                   | none                | Kuther & Ekwartzel**            |
| 1944        | "not operating"   |                  |                      |                      |                         |                     |                                 |
| 1945t       | no data   | no data          | no data              | 4,667                | 4,667                   | none                | Joe P. Skalsky**                |

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\*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.  
 \*\*Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.  
 t The production table listing for the Dry Mine Coal Co. indicates only "Tonnage included with Skalsky's Report"; therefore, "tons produced" listed for the Skalsky Coal Mine have been included here. It should be noted, however, that no information was provided to indicate how many of the total 4,667 tons listed were produced at the Dry Mine and how many of the total were produced at the Skalsky Coal Mine.

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