

**MORTON COUNTY**

Planning Unit 044: AML Printout #395: T138N, R86W, Section 13

Additional Legal Location: Section 13, SW

Name:	Owner:
Feland Coal Mine	Theodore Feland

Category: Commercial/local and regional

Type: Underground, drift, double entry

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
35 ft.	6 ft. 6 in.	6 ft.	SEBR:1910
35 ft.	6-7 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1912
25-50 ft.	6-7 ft.	5-6 ft.	SEBR:1914

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was in operation at least as early as 1896, as evidenced in the 1896 CAL, and it is referred to as "one of the old mines of the state." Also according to the 1910 SEBR, "In the early eighties an attempt was made to use this coal on Northern Pacific construction work." The 1910 SEBR also indicates that this mine "is nearly worked out," and it indicates that in 1910 the main haulway of the mine was 2,600 ft. long. The 1912 SEBR indicates that "the main haulway is becoming so long that a new point of entrance will be required in order to continue operating profitably." The 1914 SEBR indicates that "the haulage way is so long and in bad repair that it will be abandoned for a new entry"; at this time the main haulway was about 3,000 ft. long. The 1916 SEBR indicates that the Feland Coal Mine was closed in 1914 and 1915; no further listings were noted following 1915, and it is very likely that this mine ceased to be operated in about 1914.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SEBR:1910(88-89)

SEBR:1914(132)

SEBR:1912(118-119)

Notes:

It should be noted that although only one mine could be definitely correlated with this Planning Unit and AML location, the 1910 SEBR implies that other mines were located in this area, likely in the 1880s and 1890s: "some two hundred miners were employed [apparently in the Sims area]. Now the only mine operating is the Feland, and it is nearly worked out." Additionally CAL references (1896, 1898)

Feland Coal Mine (continued)

imply that there were other mines located in the Sims, North Dakota area, but these mines apparently had ceased to operate by the time of the first SEBR (dated 1910), and mine names could not be correlated with any legal locations. In any event, although only one mine name was correlated with this Planning Unit and AML location (T138N, R86W, Section 13), it is likely that other mines existed in Section 13, in the late 1880s and early 1900s.

Information was noted in Hancock (1921) about a strip pit in T138N, R86W, Section 13; however, a mine name is not provided and no other information was noted that would allow correlation of a mine in operation in 1920 or 1921 at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CAL:1896(76-77), 1898(64)

Hancock:1921(Plate V-map)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Mine: Feland Coal Mine

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909	no data	8	1.50	4,000	yes	yes	Theodore Feland
1910	150	4	1.50	2,000	yes	yes	Theo. Feland
1911	150	4	1.50	2,500	yes	yes	Theo. Feland
1912	150	5	1.50	3,012	yes	no	Theo. Feland
1913	120	4	1.50	1,826	yes	no	Theo. Feland
1914-							
1915	Feland Coal Mine listed as a mine operating in 1912-1913, and closed in 1915.						

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

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

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