

MORTON COUNTY

Planning Unit 043: AML Printout #376: T139N, R88W, Section 13

Additional Legal Location: None

Name: Richter Coal Mine
Owner: Ben Richter

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
12 ft.	7 ft.	No data	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1925, and it is reported continuously (with the exception of 1950) through 1964. According to Glen Ullin Historical Society (n.d.), the owner's son, Edwin, took over operation of the mine in 1945 and purchased new equipment for stripping and loading. According to the same source, Joe Skalsky joined with Richter in 1950, and "brought his loading equipment and his customers" to the Richter mine in about 1950; the number of years in which Skalsky was a partner of Richter is not known. No listings were noted for this mine following 1964; it is not known if the mine ceased operations at this time, or if it was operated but not reported following 1964.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID: 1926 (41)	WCB Map:1928
Glen Ullin Historical Society: n.d.(93)	WCB Map:1928 (resurveyed 1941- 1946)

Notes:

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

The 1928 WCB map resurveyed in 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946 indicates that the mine was a "Strip Pit of Northwest Improvement Co. Lease L-3248N" and the name E.C. Richter is noted on the map. Ben Richter's (owner of the Richter Coal Mine) son, Edwin, may be the E.C. Richter referred to on this map, and the mine may be the same mine as the Richter Coal Mine. However, no information was noted to definitely indicate that this was the case, and Glen Ullin Historical Society (n.d.) indicates that Ben Richter owned only one

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quarter section of land (apparently one quarter section of Section 13). It is possible that the Northwest Improvement Co. mine was in another area of Section 13, and that E.C. Richter is other than Ben Richter's son, who apparently was involved with his father's mine from the beginning of that operation.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(54)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Harrington:1934a(11)

WCB:1928, 1928(resurveyed 1941-1946, possible)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1925	no data	no data	1.75	600	600	none	Ben Richter**
1925	"new mine"						
1926	300	1	1.75	1,415	1,415	none	B.E. Richter**
1927	120	3	2.00	711	711	none	B.E. Richter**
1928	130	3	2.00	1,096	1,096	none	B.E. Richter**
1929	100	2	2.00	1,408	1,408	none	Ben Richter**
1930	61	2	1.75	760	760	none	Ben Richter**
1931	150	2	2.00	935	935	none	Ben Richter**
1932	200	5	1.75	1,335	1,335	none	Ben Richter**
1933	100	3	1.35	410	410	none	Ben E. Richter**
1934	150	4	1.35	979	none	979	B.E. Richter**
1935	120	3	1.35	900	900	none	Ben Richter**
1936	160	1	1.75	937	937	none	Ben E. Richter**
1937	165	no data	1.75	1,500	1,500	none	Lester E. Richter**
1938	120	no data	1.75	677	677	none	Ben E. Richter**
1939	110	no data	1.50	691	691	none	Ben E. Richter**
1940	156	no data	1.50	946	946	none	Ben E. Richter**
1941	195	6	1.25	3,211	3,211	none	Ben E. Richter**
1942	200	2	1.50	2,613+	2,613+	none	Ben E. Richter**
1943	192	4	2.00	7,000	7,000	none	Ben E. Richter**
1944	119	5	2.00	4,000	4,000	none	Ben E. Richter**
1945	160	4	2.50	2,214	2,214	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1946	300	8	2.50	6,912	6,912	none	Edwin Richter**
1947	300	5	2.00	11,578	11,578	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1948	240	5	2.50	12,739	12,739	none	Edwin Richter**
1949	200	4	2.50	13,835	13,835	none	Edwin Richter**
1950	"Did not report."						
1951	280	3	2.67+	8,065	8,065	none	Edwin Richter**
1952	180	4	2.63	7,011	7,011	none	Edwin Richter**
1953	256	4	2.61	5,086	5,086	none	Edwin Richter**
1954	230	2	2.51+	2,515	2,515	none	Edwin Richter**
1955	240	2	2.50	7,449	7,449	none	Edwin Richter**
1956	250	2	2.50	8,825	8,825	none	Edwin Richter**
1957	240	3	2.50	8,224	8,224	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1958	200	2	2.50	7,395	7,395	none	Edwin C. Richter**

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1959	220	2	2.63	5,881	5,881	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1960	230	2	2.60	4,361	4,361	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1961	155	2	2.60	3,923	3,923	none	Edwin Richter**
1962	150	2	2.60	3,296	3,296	none	Edwin C. Richter**
1962/64	244	3	2.56	6,014	6,014	none	Tone Shirado**

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

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