

MORTON COUNTY

Planning Unit 043: AML Printout #375: T139N, R88W, Section 20, SW

Additional Legal Location: T139N, R88W, Section 24

Name:

Owner:

Pleasant Ridge Coal Mine (1914-1923)
Tavis Coal Mine (1924-1935)

A.L. Tavis (aka Travis)

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, slope, single entry; Possibly strip (surface) (only in 1934)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness	
		Mined:	Source:
50-60 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1916, 1918
35 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Pleasant Ridge Coal Mine was a new mine in 1914. The mine was operated by the Tavis family under this name from 1914 through 1923, the main entry of the mine extended 200 ft. by 1918, and the mine apparently became known as the Tavis Coal Mine in 1924. All sources that refer to this mine indicate that it was an underground mine, and no source indicates that the mine ever moved from its original location; however, Harrington (1934a) indicates that the Tavis mine was located at T139N, R88W, Section 24, and the 1934 CMID lists this mine as a strip mine (see Notes, below). The last listing noted for this mine is in the 1935 CMID, in which the mine is listed as not operating, and it is likely that the mine was closed at about that time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID: 1926 (40)

SEBR:1916(143)

Glen Ullin Historical Society:
n.d. (91)

SEBR:1918(155)

Notes:

As indicated in the basic data section above, Harrington (1934) indicates that the Tavis Mine was located in Section 24 and the 1934 CMID lists the Tavis Mine as a strip mine. All other sources containing locational information indicate that this mine was located in Section 20 and all other sources indicate that this mine was an underground mine. SEBR and CMID reports indicate that the Pleasant Ridge/Tavis mine was situated from 1 mi. to 1.5 mi.

Pleasant Ridge/Tavis Coal Mine (continued)

north of Glen Ullin--Section 24 is about 5 mi. east of Glen Ullin. It is not known if Harrington (1934) and the 1934 CMID are in error; or if Tavis did in fact operate a strip mine in Section 24 for one year (1934); or if Tavis moved his mine to Section 24 at some unknown time and operated an underground mine for a number of years and a strip mine for one year.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Feser:1983(questionnaire)
Glen Ullin Historical Society:n.d.(91)
Harrington:1934a(11)
School of Mines:n.d.(9)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Mine: Pleasant Ridge Coal Mine (1914-1923)
 Tavis Coil Mine (1924-1935)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1914	Mine "was opened in 1914"						
1915	160	3	1.50	900t	yes	no	A.L. Travis
1916	312	4	1.75	2,481	yes	no	A. L. Travis
1917	240	3	2.25	1,994	yes	no	A. L. Travis
1919	300	4	no data	2,000	no data	no data	Louis Kowoko**
1920	150	3	2.50	628	628	none	Wm. Schroeder**
1921	100	2	2.00-3.00	570	570	none	A.L. Tavis**
1922	162	6	2.00	748	748	none	A.L. Tavis**
1923	No production figures listed						
1924	192	3	2.00	1,410	1,084	326	A.L. Tavis**
1925	196	3	2.50	1,076	1,016	60	A.L. Tavis**
1926	104	4	2.50	1,213	1,213	none	A.L. Tavis**
1927	125	5	2.00	483	483	none	A.L. Tavis**
1928	131	4	2.00	1,026	1,026	none	A.L. Tavis**
1929	193	5	2.00	676	676	none	R.J. Tavis**
1930	240	4	2.00	552	552	none	R.J. Tavis**
1931	112	6	1.95	620	620	none	R.J. Tavis**
1932	154	5	1.50	475	475	none	Ralph Tavis**
1933	287	3	1.50	637	637	none	Ralph Tavis**
1934	170	2	1.40	180	180	none	Ralph Tavis**
1935	"not operating"						

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

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

t"Estimated."