

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

Planning Unit 083: AML Printout #225: T153N, R90W, Section 21, SE, S1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 21, SE or Section 21, SE, E1/2

Name:	Owner:
Hoepppe Coal Mine (1910-1911)	Henry Hoepppe (aka Hoppe)
Hoppe Coal Mine (1915-1917)	(1910-1915)
Landaker Coal Mine (possibly from 1921-unknown)	Herman Moerke (1916-1917)
Laudaker Coal Mine (1933-1934)	Joe Landaker (unknown number of years)
Landaker Coal Mine (1935-1941, 1944, 1947-1949, 1962)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface) (1910-1917); Underground, slope (1933-1934); Strip (surface) (1935-1941, 1944, 1947-1948, 1962)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
6-8 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1912
4-5 ft.	3-5 ft.	3-5 ft.	SEBR:1916
6-15 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32MN149

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1910, and it may have been in operation prior to that time; however, information obtained through an oral interview and included on the NDCRS site form compiled for this mine indicates that the mine opened in about 1910. The 1912 SEBR (which includes the years 1910-1911) indicates that "A little undermining is attempted while the ground is frozen. Mr. Hoepppe himself uncovers the coal during the summer months, and charges for the privilege of mining." The 1914 SEBR (which includes the years 1912-1913) indicates that the Hoepppe Coal Mine was "operating in 1910-1911 and closed in 1912-1913." The 1916 SEBR indicates that "The mine had to be abandoned during the winter of 1915-1916 on account of water which could be removed only with great difficulty"; however, the mine did produce coal in 1915 (see Hoepppe Mine table). Herman Moerke apparently purchased Hoepppe's property in about 1915-1916, and Herman Moerke owned and operated the mine in 1916 and 1917. No listings were noted for the Hoepppe (or Hoppe) Coal Mine following 1917, and it is not known if the mine ceased to operate following 1917, or if it was operated but not reported.

According to the Mountrail County Historical Society (1979), "the Herman Moerke Mine [was] later sold to Joe Landaker"; the Mountrail County Historical Society (1979) also indicates that Joe Landaker

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"bought a coal mine and some farm land" in 1921. No listings were noted in the 1921 CMID for a Landaker Coal Mine; the first listing noted for this mine is in the 1933 CMID. The 1933 CMID listing for the mine indicates only that the mine included a "new slope." It is possible that this new slope made it possible to operate the mine commercially, and that the method of operating the mine from 1921 through 1932 precluded production of enough coal to warrant reporting production to the CMID. Mountrail County Historical Society (1979) indicates that "Many people from miles around came to get coal at the mine. In the winter people would be lined up for a mile waiting to be loaded with coal. Some of them had to stay overnight in order to get coal. Johnnie Meyers, a step brother, worked with them hauling coal. . .[note that John Meyers superintended the mine from 1934 through 1936]." Information noted in Mountrail County Historical Society (1979), however, does not indicate the years in which people came to this mine to obtain coal. CMID listings for the mine were noted from 1933 through 1938; the mine is listed as not operating both in 1937 and 1938, and no production figures are provided. The mine is listed as a new mine in 1939, and production figures are included in the 1940 and 1941 CMID reports; however, the mine again is listed as not operating in 1941. No listings were noted for 1942 and 1943. The mine is listed as a strip mine in the 1944 CMID, but no production figures were supplied. No listings were noted for 1945 and 1946, but production figures were noted for 1947, and the mine is listed as a reopened mine. Production figures are included in the 1948 CMID, and the 1949 CMID indicates that the mine "did not operate." No listings were noted from 1950 through 1961; the 1962 CMID includes a listing and production figures for the Landaker Mine; no listings were noted for the mine following 1962. It is not known if the mine ceased to operate, if it was operated but not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name following 1962. It should be noted that some mine related features (i.e., track, conveyor belt, loading ramp, etc.) remained at this mine when it was recorded as a cultural resource site in 1983.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Carlson and Laird:1964(12)
Mountrail County Historical
Society:1979(197, 453)
SEBR:1912(116)

SEBR:1916(145)
SEBR:1918(156)
SHSND:NDCRS Site Form (32MN149)

Notes:

SEBRs listing the Hoeppe (Hoppe) mine definitely place the mine at this Planning Unit and AML location. Information noted in the Mountrail County Historical Society (1979) indicates that Landaker purchased the Moerke mine (likely a reference to the Hoeppe/Hoppe mine, which had been purchased by Herman Moerke by 1916), which would place the Landaker mine at this Planning Unit and AML

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location. Carlson and Laird (1964) illustrate recently active dozer and scraper operations of the Landaker Mine at T153N, R90W, Section 21, SE, which places the Landaker mine at this Planning Unit and AML location. However, Harrington (1934) indicates that the Landaker Mine was located at T143N, R90W, Section 2. This location (i.e., township) actually is situated in Mercer County; however, Harrington (1934) indicates that the Landaker mine post office was Epworth (formerly located in Morton County and near the legal location identified by this Planning Unit and AML location). It appears likely that Harrington's (1934) legal location is in error. Although no information was noted to indicate definitely that this is the case, Harrington (1934) does indicate that the Landaker mine produced 230 tons of coal in 1934, which also is the production figure listed for the Landaker Mine in the 1934 CMID (which indicates that this mine was located in Morton County).

Sources (primary and secondary):

Carlson and Laird:1964(12)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Harrington:1934(13)

Mountrail County Historical Society:1979(197, 453)

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 AML Number: 225

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1910	100	1	2.00	50	yes	no	Henry Hoeppe
1911	80	1	2.00	150	yes	no	Henry Hoeppe
1912-							
1913	Hoeppe Coal Mine was operating in 1910-11 and closed in 1912-1913 (SEBR 1914)						
1915	176	1	1.50	300	yes	no	Henry Hoppe
1916	312	2	2.00	970	yes	no	Herman Moerke
1917	312	3	2.00	1,030	yes	no	Herman Moerke
1933	"new slope"						
1934	60	2	1.25	230	230	none	John Meyers**
1935	no data	no data	1.00	200	200	none	John Meyer**
1936	152	no data	1.25	400	400	none	J.A. Meyers**
1937	"not operating"						
1938	"not operating"						
1939	"new mine"						
1940	60	2	1.00	475	475	none	Victor Reese**
1941	40	no data	1.00	354	354	none	Victor Reese**
1941	"not operating"						
1944	"No report."						
1947	30	2	2.50	200	200	none	W.L. Sellers**
1947	"Reopened in 1947."						
1948	30	1	2.50	180	180	none	W.L. Sellers**
1949	"Did not operate."						
1962	112	2	3.25	1,720	1,720	none	Gene Norton**

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

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