

MERCER COUNTY

Planning Unit 061: AML Printout #118: T144N, R89W, Section 23, SW, SE

Additional Legal Location: 1) Section 23, SW and Section 26, NW and
2) Section 23, SW, SW

Name:

Lucky Strike Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1917-1928)
Lucky Strike Coal Corp. (1928-1930)
Dakota Colliery Co. (aka Dakota Collieries
Co., Dakota Collieries Corp.) (1931-1937)

Owner:

Slowery, Field & Strope (1917)
Lucky Strike Coal Co. (1922-1924)
Lucky Strike Coal Corp.
(1928-1937)

Category: Commercial/regional and Industrial/local

Type: Underground, slope (unknown-1923); Underground, drift, double entry, room and pillar
(1925-1937)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
25-50 ft.	7 1/2 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1918
No data	7 ft.	6 ft.	CMID:1926
Unknown depth sandstone and 6 ft. shale	8-12 ft.	No data	Leonard et al.:1925
95 ft.	7-8 ft. 4 in.	No data	Bureau of Mines:1948

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32ME137

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was opened in 1917. The mine was operated successfully from 1917 through 1928, when the Lucky Strike Coal Co. was reorganized into the Lucky Strike Coal Corp. At least by 1926, the mine was operated by use of electric undercutting equipment. The Lucky Strike Coal Corp. apparently was mismanaged, and the mine is listed closed in 1930. The Zap Colliery Co. leased the mine from about 1931 apparently through 1937, when the mine is listed as not operating; it appears that the mine was not operated following 1937. A portion of the Zap Colliery Co. mine is located at Planning Unit 061, AML location 616 (T144N, R88W, Section 31); however, related mine buildings and a mine camp were located in T144N, R89W, Section 24, which is directly east of the location of the Lucky Strike Coal mine, and miners that lived at the Zap Colliery Co. mine camp worked at the Lucky Strike Coal mine during those years it was leased.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

Lucky Strike Coal/Dakota Collieries (continued)

Bureau of Mines:1948(79) CMID: 1926 (42-43)
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files(32ME137) WCB Map:1922
Heinemeyer:1932(59) WCB Map:1923a,b,c
Leonard et al.:1925(129) WCB Map:1924a,b
SEBR:1918(151)

Notes:

It should be noted that information reported in Bureau of Mines (1948) was recorded in 1933.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Bureau of Mines:1948(79)
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Gauger et al.:1928b(4)
Harrington:1934a(11)
Heinemeyer:1932(59)
Leonard et al.:1925(129)
School of Mines:n.d.(5)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32ME137)
WCB:1922; 1923a,b,c; 1924a,b

Mine: Lucky Strike Coal Mine (aka
(1917-1928)

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Lucky Strike Coal Corp. (1928-
1930)

Dakota Colliery Co. (aka Dakota
Collieries Co., Dakota Collieries
Corp.) (1931-1937)

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1917	150	3	1.75	1,500	yes	no	Slowery, Field & Strope
1919	160	6	no data	3,000	no data	no data	William Thurston**
1920	271	14	2.20	16,874	none	16,874	J.Thompson**
1921	200	60	3.00	54,450	none	54,450	F.A. Andrews**
1922	85	90	2.91	32,254	none	32,254	no data
1923	174	123	2.67	86,851	none	86,851	P.J. Cahill, Rec.**
1924	169	84	2.20	41,868	none	41,868	F.L. Anders, Rec.**
1925	145	56	2.10	36,021	none	34,500	F.L. Anders, Rec.**
1926	121	55	2.00	30,802	none	30,802	F.L. Anders**
1927	85	55	2.00	22,370	none	22,370	F.L. Anders**
1928t	90	no data	2.00	11,616	1,016	10,600	G.E. McGraw**
1928t	51	62	2.12	5,482	975	4,507	G.E. McGraw**
1928	Lucky Strike Coal Co. reorganized into Lucky Strike Coal Corp.						
1929t	200	35	2.10	27,490	1,891	25,599	G.E. McGraw**
1930	"closed"						
1931	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
1931	Lucky Strike Coal Corp. leased by Zap Colliery Co., and named Dakota Co.						
1932t	159	71	1.63	32,204	557	31,647	H.M. Graves**
1933	183	60	1.33	41,191	57	41,321	H.M. Graves**
1934	134	81	1.51	40,226	72	40,153	O.J. Thorpe**
1935	146	82	1.64	50,581	37	50,544	O.J. Thorpe**
1936	109	81	1.34	40,510	71	40,439	O.J. Thorpe**
1937	130	87	1.30+	44,214.8	84.17	44,130.63	O.J. Thorpe**
1937	"not operating"						

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

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

t Part or all of coal sold in local trade was "used at the plant."