

**RENVILLE COUNTY**

Planning Unit 100: AML Printout #301; T158N, R86W, Section 33, N1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 33, SW, NE (SEBR 1910, 1912);  
Section 33, NE, NE (SEBR 1914); Section  
33, NE (SEBR 1916, 1918)

Name:

Owner:

Spring Farm Coal Mine (1909)  
Tehelka Coal Mine (1910-1919)  
Tehalka Coal Mine (1923)

Peter P. Tehelka

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift, single entry (1909); Underground, slope  
single entry (1910-1919, 1923)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
90 ft.	2-6 ft.	2-6 ft.	SEBR:1910
90 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.	SEBR:1912
60 ft.	2 1/4-1/2 ft,	2 1/4-1/2 ft.	SEBR:1914, 1916
30-80 ft.	2 1/2 ft.	2 1/2 ft.	SEBR:1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1909, and it appears that the mine was in operation prior to that time, as indicated in the 1910 SEBR, which states "The mine is in a rather run down condition, and it is said that the workings will be abandoned in the summer of 1910." The 1912 SEBR states, "I found Peter Tehelka had abandoned his old mine and a short distance around the bluff from it had started a new slope [main entry 200 ft. long]. The intention is to operate this mine on a small scale in connection with his farm..." The 1914 SEBR indicates that a new slope was driven in 1913, and that the mine had operated only a few months; the main entry was 125 ft. long at this time. The 1916 SEBR indicates that the roof of the old slope (300 ft. long) was in bad condition, and the inspector "was assured that a new slope would be driven during the summer months." The main entry of the mine was listed at 200 ft. in length in the 1918 SEBR, so it does appear likely that a new entry had been driven between 1916 and 1918. A report was noted for this mine in the 1919 CMID; no reports were noted in 1920, 1921, or 1922 CMIDs; and a report was noted in the 1923 CMID (it should be noted that the 1923 listing was under Ward County). It is possible that the mine was operated but not reported between 1919 and 1923. No listings were noted following 1923; it is not known if the mine ceased operations, if the mine was operated but not reported, or if the mine was operated and reported under some other name following 1923.

Spring Farm/Tehelka Coal Mine (continued)

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SEBR:1910(92)

SEBR:1916(147)

SEBR:1912(118)

SEBR:1918(158)

SEBR:1914(136-137)

Notes:

Although the Spring Farm and Tehelka mines actually were separate mines, they have been listed together here because they were located in very close proximity and they were owned by the same individual.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Days Operated</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Price Per Ton</u>	<u>Tons Produced</u>	<u>Tons Local Trade</u>	<u>Tons Shipped</u>	<u>Owner or Superintendent*</u>
1909	no data	4	2.00	800	yes	no	P. P. Tehelka
1909	"abandoned"						
1910	150	2	2.00	400	yes	no	Peter Tehelka
1910	"new slope"						
1911	280	2	2.00	700	yes	no	Peter Tehelka
1912	126	3	2.50	760	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1913	42	2	2.50	125	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1914	104	4	2.00	522	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1915	67	3	2.50	385	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1916	60	2	2.50	215	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1917	60	1	2.50	200	yes	no	P.P. Tehelka
1919	60	1	no data	180	no data	no data	P.P. Tehelka**
1923t	no data	no data	3.00	50	none	50	Pete Tehalka**

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

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

t The Tehalka Coal Mine is listed under Ward County, rather than Renville County, in 1923.

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