

**STARK COUNTY**

Planning Unit 037: AML Printout # 64: T139N, R95W, Section 5  
Planning Unit 037: AML Printout #503: T139N, R95W, Section 7, SE  
Planning Unit 037: AML Printout #498: T139N, R95W, Section 8  
Planning Unit 037: AML Printout #499: T139N, R95W, Section 8, NW

Additional Legal Location: T139N, R95W--Section 5, SW; Section 5, S1/2  
Section 6, SE  
Section 7, no part section

Name:	Owner:
Pelton Coal Mine (1910-1911)	Mrs. M. McGilory (1910-1911)
Pittsburg (aka Pittsburgh) Coal Mine (1912-1918)	Dakota Fuel Co. (1912-1913) Dakota Lignite Coal Mines (1914-1915)
Dakota Lignite Mines Co. (1919)	Dakota Lignite Mines CO. (1916-ca. 1921)
Pittsburg (aka Pittsburgh) Mine (aka Coal Mine, Coal Co., Coal Mining Co.) (1920-1940)	Pittsburg Coal Mining Co. (ca. 1922-ca. 1926)
Dickinson Coal Mining (aka Mine) Co. (aka Dickinson Coal Co./Company) (1941-1975)	No data (remaining years)

Category: Commercial/regional and local; Industrial/local

Type: Underground, slope, double entry, room and pillar system (1910-1944); Strip (surface) (1946-1975)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
30 ft.	12 ft.	7-9 ft.	SEBR:1912
35 ft.	11ft.	8 ft.	SEBR:1914
90 ft.	10-11 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR:1916, 1918
100 ft.	12 ft. 5 in.	No data	Bureau of Mines:1948

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was opened during November 1910; mining equipment was obtained from the Dakota Pressed Brick Company, "who at one time operated a mine in the neighborhood." The main entry of the mine extended 400 ft. by early 1912. The 1914 SEBR indicates that the Pelton Coal Mine had become the Pittsburg Coal Mine in about 1912. This report also indicates that the "Company is incorporated under the laws of North Dakota with a capitalization of \$25,000. The surface investment is reported at \$35,000, the underground equipment at \$15,000." The 1914 SEBR also indicates that this mine was located on the bank of the Heart River. . .Portions of the mine are very wet, but further away from the river conditions are good." The 1916 SEBR indicates that the mine was situated with the mine and tipple on opposite sides of the Heart River." WCB maps indicate that the mine workings were situated in Section 5, while the mine tipple and related structures were situated in Section 8. By early 1916, the "Company [was] capitalized at \$200,000," and by early 1918, the main entry of the mine had extended to about 2,600 ft.

Pittsburg/Dickinson Coal Mine (continued)

The 1921 CMID indicates that this mine "Did not comply with the law as there was no escapement and the ventilation was not conducted to the working face." These problems apparently were attended to, and the 1926 CMID indicates that the company was "installing a short wall cutting machine, power to be gotten from the Dickinson Light Plant." Additionally, the company planned to drive another air shaft and install an electric fan. The 1928, 1929, and 1930 CMID reports indicate that at least part of the coal sold locally was used at the plant." Although no information is provided about what plant was being supplied, it seems likely that coal may have been sold to the Dickinson Power Plant. The 1940 CMID indicates that the Pittsburg Coal Mine Co. mine was not operating.

The 1941 CMID lists a Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mine. Although no information was noted that definitely linked the Pittsburg Coal Mine Co. mine with the Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mine, 1943 and 1944 WCB maps list Martin Binek in connection with the Pittsburg Coal Mine Co. mine. CMID reports from 1943 and 1944 do not list a Pittsburg Coal Mine; they list the Dickinson Coal Mining CO. mine, which was superintended by Martin Binek. Therefore, it has been assumed that the Pittsburg Coal Mine Co. mine became or was taken over by the Dickinson Coal Mining Co. The Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mine was operated and reported from 1941 through 1944, when it is listed as not operating. The Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mine is next listed in 1946, when it is listed as a strip mine (the mine was operated as an underground mine from 1910 through 1944). It is assumed that the mine was not operated in 1945, because the operation was being changed from an underground operation to a surface (strip) operation. The 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1962/1963 CMID reports list production figures for two Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mines. Listings in these years indicate that all coal produced at one Dickinson Coal Mining Co. mine was manufactured into briquets, and all coal produced at the other mine was sold locally. It has been assumed that only one Dickinson Coal Mining Co. was operating, and that production from this mine was broken down into coal used for manufacture into briquets and coal sold locally for other purposes; however, no information was noted to confirm this assumption, and it is possible that Martin Binek was operating two separate mines. No listings were noted for the mine following 1975, and it is assumed that the mine ceased operations at about that time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Bureau of Mines:1948(82)	SEBR:1918(160)
CMID:1921(23)	WCB Map:1916(updates 1918-1919)
CMID:1926(50-51)	1921-1923)
Leonard at al.:1925(145)	WCB Map:1925
SEBR:1912(118)	WCB Map:1925(updates 1926-1929)
SEBR:1914(137-138)	WCB Maps1926(updates 1927-1936,
SEBR:1916(148-149)	1937, 1939, 1943-1945)
SEBR:1918(160)	

Pittsburg/Dickinson Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

It should be noted that the 1914 SEBR indicates that the mine was located at T139N, R90W, Section 7. Since all other information places this mine at T139N, R95W, various sections, it has been assumed that the 1914 SEBR legal location is in error.

Brant (1953) indicates that the Dickinson Coal Mining CO. mine was situated in T139N, R95W, Sections 7 and 8: however, Brant (1953) does not provide part sections. Since this is the only source noted that reliably puts a portion of this mine in Section 7, and it does not provide a part section, it is not known if the portion of this mine in Section 7 was located at the Planning Unit and AML location (T139N, R95W, Section 7, SE), or if it was situated in some other portion of Section 7.

The Missouri Slope Coal Mine also is located at Planning Unit 037 and AML location 503 (T139N, R95W, Section 7, SE).

The Riley Coal Mine, White Ash/Reilly Coal Company, Lehigh Coal Mine, and Husky Briquetting, Inc. mine also are located at Planning Unit 037 and AML location 498 (T139N, R95W, Section 8).

The Husky Briquetting, Inc. mine also may be located at Planning Unit 037 and AML location 499 (T139N, R95W, Section 8).

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(51)  
Bureau of Mines:1948(82) (reports information from 1928)  
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
Gauger et al.:1928a(4), 1928b, 1930(4)  
Harrington:1934(15), 1936(1)  
Harrington et al.:1931(4)  
Leonard et al.:1925(145)  
Magnusson:1960  
NDGS:1921(Bulletin 4)  
School of Mines:1927, 1930, n.d.(6)  
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
WCB:1916(with updates), 1925, 1925(with updates), 1926(with updates)

Mine:	Felton Coal Mine (1910-1911)	Planning Unit:	037
	Pittsburg (aka Pittsburgh) Coal Mine (1912-1918)	AML Number:	64
		Planning Unit:	037
	Dakota Lignite Mines Co. (1919)	AML Number:	503
	Pittsburg (aka Pittsburgh) Mine (aka Coal Mine, Coal Co., Coal Mining Co.) (1920-1940)	Planning Unit:	037
		AML Numbers	498
		Planning Units	037
	Dickinson Coal Mining (aka Mine) Co. (aka Dickinson Coal Co./Company) (1941- 1975)	AML Numbers	499

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1910	"it [mine] was opened		during	November, 1910."		no	Mrs. M. McCilory
1911	100	8	1.25	4,200	yes		
1912- 1913	Felton Coal Mine name		changed	to Pittsburg Coal Mine			
1912	234	10	1.75	9,760	yes	18,000	Dakota Fuel Co.
1913	174	14	1.75	21,600	yes	18,000	Dakota Fuel Co.
1914	240	25	1.71	24,047	no data	24,047	Dakota Lignite Coal Mines
1915	116	16	1.48	13,539	yes	12,079	Dakota Lignite Coal Mines
1916	246	24	1.75	13,878	yes	13,235	Dakota Lignite Mines Co.
1917	246	40	2.50	25,588	yes	25,300	Dakota Lignite Mines Co.
1920	300	34	2.50	32,735	1,317	31,418	Henry Truelson**
1921	235	28	2.50	22,821	1,500	21,321	Henry Truelson**
1922	250	35	2.46	38,114	3,670	31,444	Chas. Westmark**
1923	200	37	2.57	36,972	2,853	34,119	Chas. Westmark**
1924	227	35	2.25	27,250	1,850	25,400	no data
1925	200	31	2.00	29,077	500	28,577	Charles Westmark**
1926	259	36	2.00	31,029	529	30,500	Chas. Westmark**
1927	200	30	2.00	28,650	4,400	24,250	Chas. Westmark**
1928t	240	33	1.85	27,985	5,985	22,000	Chas. Westmark**
1929t	247	20	1.71	21,059	6,900	14,159	E. Truelson**
1930t	201	19	1.70	16,093	5,554	10,539	F.E. Deiters**
1931	100	17	1.32	10,395	4,813	5,582	Tom Stanich**
1932	300	27	1.50	12,067	9,262	2,805	Tom Stanich**
1933	500	18	1.25	10,234	none	10,234	Tom Stanish**
1934	226	14	1.55	6,695	none	6,695	H.H. Nevin**
1935	230	18	1.50	8,311	7,190	1,121	H.H. Nevin**
1936	300	16	1.40	12,000	8,500	3,500	H.H. Nevin**
1937	220	15	1.35	8,433.7	8,321.7	112	H.H. Nevin**
1938	200	22	1.35	14,302	14,112	190	H.H. Nevin**
1940	180	16	1.55	10,000	9,820	180	H.H. Nevin**
1941	217	9	1.70	6,359	6,359	none	Martin Binek**
1942	242	11	2.00	6,133	6,133	none	Martin Binek**

Pelton/Pittsburg/Dickinson Coal Mining Co. Mine (continued)

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1943	201	15	2.50	6,859	6,859	none	Martin Binek**
1944	209	17	2.50	7,387	7,387	none	Martin Binek**
1944	"not operating"						
1946	269	8	2.25	15,044	15,044	none	Martin Binek**
1947	272	12	2.30	16,252	16,252	none	Martin Binek**
1948	274	10	2.34+	16,762	16,762	none	Martin Binek**
1949	270	10	2.40	19,361	19,361	none	Martin Binek**
1950	287	7	2.45	20,743	20,743	none	Martin Binek**
1951	246	7	3.00	15,347	15,347	none	Martin Binek**
1952	216	7	3.00	15,444	15,444	none	Martin Binek**
1953	205	7	3.00	20,413	20,413	none	Martin Binek**
1954	209	7	3.00	17,654	17,654	none	Martin Binek**
1955	202	7	3.00	15,554	15,554	none	Martin Binek**
1956	218	7	3.00	16,102	16,102	none	Martin Binek**
1957	206	7	3.00	13,487	13,487	none	Martin Binek**
1958	200	6	3.00	10,752	10,752	none	Martin Binek**
1958tt	120	7	none sold	7,400	none	none	Martin Binek**
1959	200	6	3.00	10,966	10,966	none	Martin Binek**
1959tt	231	7	none sold	69,245	none	none	Martin Binek**
1960	208	5	3.00	10,963	10,963	none	Martin Binek**
1960tt	175	6	none sold	21,512	none	none	Martin Binek**
1961	190	4	3.00	9,033	9,033	none	Martin Binek**
1961tt	240	7	none sold	67,503	none	none	Martin Binek**
1962	190	3	3.00	9,862	9,862	none	Martin Binek**
1962tt	270	6	none sold	103,901	none	none	Martin Binek**
1962/64	382	5	3.50	14,776	14,776	none	Martin Binek**
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1963tt	104	6	none sold	36,293	none	none	Martin Binek**
1965	205	4	3.50	10,496	10,496	none	Martin Binek**
1966	234	4	3.50	8,960	8,960	none	Martin Binek**
1967	269	4	3.50	7,264	7,264	none	Martin Binek**
1968	269	4	3.50	6,648	6,648	none	Martin Binek**
1969	no data	3	no data	6,206	no data	no data	Martin Binek**
1970	no data	3	no data	4,546	no data	no data	Theo. J. Binek**
1971	no data	6	no data	4,184	no data	no data	Theodore Binek**
1972	no data	6	no data	4,221	no data	no data	Theo Binek**
1973	no data	2	no data	2,709	no data	no data	Theo. Binek**
1974	no data	3	no data	2,221	no data	no data	Theo. Binek**
1975	no data	6	no data	3,812	no data	no data	Theo. Binek**

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

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

t Part of coal sold locally "used at plant."

tt All coal produced was manufactured into briquets.