

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #341: T152N, R81W, Section 30, NE

Additional Legal Location: Section 30, SE and Section 30, NW

Name:	Owner:
Tree-Bosch Coal Mine (1910-1911)	Rufus Tree and Jacob Bausch
Tree-Bausch Coal Mine (1912-1919)	(at least from 1910-1917)
Tree Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1920-1923)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface); Underground, slope (1923)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
10 ft.	12ft.	9 ft.	SEBR:1912
14-16 ft.	14 ft.	14 ft.	SEBR:1914, 1916, 1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The 1912 SEBR indicates that "This is a new mine and opened as a strip pit. it occurs in a small coulee which has steep banks and can only be operated as a surface mine for a short time." The 1914 SEBR indicates that "A 10 inch tile drain has been run about a quarter of a mile down the shallow coulee. .to provide drainage. About 12 feet of coal lies just below the bottom of this coulee and considerable can be mined with a little stripping. On March 19, 1914, the upper end of the drain had become clogged and the pit was nearly full of water and ice." According to the 1916 SEBR, "no stripping had been done in the fall of 1915, and consequently very little coal has been taken out this season. Some local trade is supplied, however, by partially undermining the clay bank. All the coal can not be taken from the mine on account of water, as the tile put in to drain it is too high." The 1918 SEBR indicates that on "February 27, 1918, some underground work was being done, a couple of rooms having been driven into the coal about 100 feet." This mine is listed in the 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1923 CMID reports. The 1923 CMID lists the mine as a slope mine; however, it is not known when or if the mine began to be operated only as an underground mine. No listings were noted following 1923; it is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated but not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SEBR:1912(124)	SEBR:1916(157)
SEBR:1911(146)	SEBR:1918(167)

Tree-Bausch Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

The 1910 SEBR indicates that this mine was located at T152N, R81W, Section 30, SE. The 1914, 1916, and 1918 SEBRs indicate that this mine was located at T152N, R81W, Section 30, NE. Leonard et al. (1925) indicates that this mine was located at T152N, R81W, Section 30, NW. It is not known if one or more of these locations is in error, or if location of the mine was moved or expanded throughout various portions of Section 30. In any case, it does appear likely that the mine was located at Planning Unit 103, AML location 341 (T152N, R81W, Section 30, NE) at least from 1912 through 1918.

The Knorr Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next pages for appropriate years

Leonard et al.:1925(151)

NDGS:1920(Bulletin 4)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tone Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1910	"new mine"						
1911	100	2	1.00	500	yes	no	Tree & Bosch
1912	30	3	1.50	200	yes	no	Jacob Bausch & Rufus Tree
1913	48	1	1.50	440	yea	no	Jacob Bausch & Rufus Tree
1914	138	2	1.50t	450t	yes	no	Rufus Tree & Jacob Bausch
1915	124	2	1.50	811	yes	no	Rufus Tree & Jacob Bausch
1916	90	1	1.50	375	yes	no	Rufus Tree
1917	144	1	1.60	522	yes	no	Rufus Tree
1919	100	2	no data	no data	no data	no data	Rufus Tree**
1920	30	4	3.00	300	300	none	Oscar Sigman**
1921	120	7	2.20	910	838	72	Oscar B. Sigman**
1922	no report						
1923	Production figures not provided.						

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

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

t "Estimated."
