

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 099: AML Printout #283: T159N, R87W, Section 3:

Additional Legal Location: See Notes, below

Name:	Owner:
Spencer Coal Mine (1909-1911)	William Spencer
Klondike Coal Mine (1912-1917)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift, single entry

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
120 ft.	2 1/2-3 ft.	2 1/2-3 ft.	SEBR:1910, 1912
80 ft.	3 ft.	3 ft.	SEBR:1914
20-70 ft.	3 ft.	3 ft.	SEBR:1916, 1919

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 may have been in operation prior to that time. As indicated in the 1910 SEBR: "A neat little four by four entry, well timbered, has been driven in some distance, and some rooms turned from this." The 1912 SEBR indicates that the "main entry was in very poor condition, the water accumulating along part of its length not being removed, which softened up the floor clay enough to cause the timbering to settle." The 1914 SEBR indicates that the name of the Spencer Coal Mine was changed to Klondike Coal Mine sometime between 1911 and 1912. Also according to the 1914 SEBR, "all of the coal that was taken out of the mine in 1913 was obtained by robbing pillars." The mine was operated and reported again in 1914, 1915, 1916, and in 1917. The 1918 SEBR indicates that "The present entry was opened during the fall of 1917, and is situated on the opposite side of the coulee from the old mine." No listings were noted for this mine following those in the 1918 SEBR; it is not known if this mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated but not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name following 1918.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

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| SEBR:1910(100) | SEBR:1916(153) |
| SEBR:1912(123) | SEBR:1918(165) |
| SEBR:1914(143) | |

Spencer/Klondike Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

Various locational discrepancies were noted in reference to this mine:

SEBR (1910, 1912):	T159N, R87W, Section 31
SEBR (1914):	T159N, R87W, Section 31, NE, NE
SEBR (1916):	T159N, R81W, Section 31, NE, NE
SEBR (1918):	T158N, R87W, Section 31

Although no other information was noted about the legal location of this mine, the 1914 and 1918 SEBRs do contain descriptions of the area in which the mine was situated. These descriptions indicate that the mine was situated about 5 mi. north or northwest of Donnybrook, North Dakota. This location could be situated within T159N, R87W, Section 31; however, it would not be situated in T158N or in R81W. Therefore, it has been assumed that the mine was located at T159N, R87W, Section 31, and possibly in Section 31, NE, NE.

Sources (primary and secondary):

SEBR: see table, next page, for appropriate years

Mine: Spencer Coal Mine (1909-1911)
Klondike Coal Mine (1912-1917)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909	no data	2	2.50	200	yes	no	William Spencer
1910	100	3	1.50	100	yes	no	wm. Spencer
1911	100	3	1.50	100	yes	no	Wm. Spencer
1912	120	2	2.00	268	yes	no	Wm. Spencer
1913	36	2	2.00	100	yes	no	Wm. Spencer
1914	47	2	2.25	1001	yes	no	W. Spencer
1915	68	2	2.25	151	yes	no	W. Spencer
1916	60	4	2.50	410	yes	no	Wm. Spencer
1917	60	3	2.50	400	yes	no	Wm. Spencer

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

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

t "Estimated."
