

**WARD COUNTY**

Planning Unit 098: AML Printout #602: T160N, R89W, Section 1

Additional Legal Location: None

Name:	Owner:
Smith Coal Mine (1923)	No data
Farmers Coal Mine (1925-1928)	
Smith Coal Mine (1929)	
Farmers Coal Mine (1930-1935)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, slope or drift

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	5 ft.	No data	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1923, and it may have been in operation prior to that time. The mine was operated and reported in 1925 and in 1926; the figure provided for total production in the 1927 CMID is an estimate, and the Summary of Inspection indicates that the mine had caved. The mine apparently was operated in 1928; the 1929 CMID indicates that a new mine was opening. This mine was operated and reported in 1930, 1931, and 1932. The mine is included in the Summaries of Inspection in the 1933 and 1934 CMIDs; however, no production figures were provided. The 1935 CMID indicates that the mine is a new mine; no listings were noted following that in the 1935 CMID. It is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if the mine was operated but not reported, or if the mine was operated and reported under some other name following 1935.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(55)

WCB Map:1925

Notes:

Although no information was noted in CMID reports to indicate that the Smith Coal Mine and the Farmers Coal Mine were the same mine, the 1925 WCB map of the Smith Coal Mine indicates that the operator was Walter Smith. The 1925 CMID indicates that Walter Smith was the superintendent of the Farmers Coal Mine. Therefore, it has been assumed that "Smith Coal Mine" and "Farmers Coal Mine" are the same mine.

Smith/Farmers Coal Mine (continued)

No information was noted as to whether or not the mine reported from 1923 through 1928, the new mine opened in 1929 and the new mine opened in 1935 all were located at T160N, R89W, Section 1. The source that related a named mine to this location is dated 1925 (WB 1925), and it is possible that the later mines were located in other areas.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
WCB:1925

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1923	Production figures not provided.						
1924	no report						
1925	no data	2	3.00	600	600	none	Walter Smith**
1926	200	2	3.00	720	720	none	Walter Smith**
1927	125	2	2.75	650t	650	none	Walter Smith**
1927	"Caved"						
1928	90	1	3.00	320	320	none	Walter Smith**
1929	"New Mine Opening"						
1930	80	2	3.00	185	185	none	W.L. Smith**
1931	200	1	2.50	405	405	none	W.L. Smith**
1932	100	2	2.00	334	334	none	W.L. Smith**
1933	Production figures not provided						
1934	Production figures not provided						
1935	"new mine"						

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

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

t "Estimated."

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