

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 098: AML Printout #603: T161N, R88W, Section 30

Additional Legal Location: See Notes, below

Name:	Owner:
Rich Coal Mine	Ralph W. Rich

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift, single entry (1913-1915); Underground, shaft, double entry (1916-1919)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
150 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	SEBR:1914
150 ft.	11 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR: 1916
8-135 ft. [sic]	5 1/2 ft.	5 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 1913, and it likely was in operation prior to that time. According to the 1914 SEBR, "It [the mine] is now owned and operated by R.W. Rich." Also according to the 1914 SEBR, the main entry of the mine extended 1,250 ft.; it is extremely unlikely that an entry of this extent would have been accomplished between 1913 and early 1914. Who owned and operated the mine prior to 1913 is not known. According to the 1916 SEBR, "When visited, February 28, 1916, this mine could not be inspected because the entry was half full of water at a point 250 feet from the entrance. Most of the timbers and steel had been pulled in the mine, and it will be permanently abandoned. A new drift was being driven a short distance from the old one." The 1918 SEBR indicates, "During the summer of 1916 the old mine was abandoned and in the fall of 1917 a new shaft was sunk 20 feet. . .no rooms had been turned." A listing was noted for this mine in the 1919 CMID; however, no further listings were noted. It is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if the mine was operated but not reported, or if this mine was operated and reported under some other name following 1919.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SEBR:1914(145)	SEBR:1918(166)
SEBR:1916(155)	

Rich Coal mine (continued)

Notes:

Various locational discrepancies were noted in reference to this mine:

SEBR (1914): T162N, R87W, Section 29

SEBR (1916, 1910): T161N, R88W, Section 30, NE, SW;
NW, SE;
Lot 3

Both the 1914 and 1916 SEBRs indicate that this mine was situated about 8 mi, southeast of Bowbells, North Dakota. This location could be T161N, R88W, Section 30; however, it could not be T152N, R87W, which is located northeast of Bowbells. Therefore, it has been assumed that the legal location provided in the 1914 SEBR is in error.

The Evans, Ingeson, Crosby, Kamp, and Talbot coal mines also are located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources(primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate year

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate year

Mine: Rich Coal Mine

Planning Unit: 098

AML Number: 603

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1913	30	3	2.00	100	yes	no	R.W. Rich
1914	188	4	2.00	1,369	yes	no	R.W. Rich
1915	216	3	2.00	1,686	yes	no	R.W. Rich
1916	60	1	2.00	100	yes	no	Ralph Rich
1917	"New mine being opened. . .Development work only"						Ralph Rich**
1919	195	28	no data	2,000	no data	no data	no data

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

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