

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

Planning Unit 075: AML Printout #456: T154N, R100W, Section 10, E1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 10, NE

Name:

Owner:

The Lestak Coal Co. (1945)  
Ledahl Coal Mine (1946-1951)

E.F. Lovejoy

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
20-30 ft. and	10 ft.	No data	Wonder of Williams:
60-70 ft.	10 ft.	No data	1976

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1945. The mine was operated and reported from 1945 through 1951; no listings were noted following 1951. It is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated and not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name following 1951. Wonder of Williams (1976) indicates a "strip mine was opened and leased to the Ledahl Bros. [on E.F. Lovejoy's land]. The stripping took off from 30 to 60 and 70 feet of overburden. . .There were about 500 acres of coal land with a potential of 20,000 tons per acre. The veins are ten feet thick, the first vein at a depth of 20-30 feet, the second vein approximately 30 feet lower." Carlson and Laird (1964) indicate that an earthfill dam used stockpile material from this mine to provide a stock pond; this appears to indicate that the mine had ceased to be operated, if not following 1951 (as indicated in CMIDs) by 1964 (as indicated in Carlson and Laird 1964).

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Wonder of Williams:1976(Vol.II, 1813-1814)

Notes:

The Lovejoy/Avoca Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Lestak/Ledahh Coal Mine (continued)

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(16)

Carlson and Laird:1964(15)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1945	164	4	2.39+	10,116	10,116	none	G.J. & W.M. Ledahl, G. Stakston**
1945	"New Mine - 1945"						
1946	237	4	2.13	14,295	14,295	none	W.M. & G.J. Ledahl**
1947	187	4	2.57	13,871	13,871	none	L.B. Ledahl**
1948	200	7	2.89	13,762	13,762	none	L.B. Ledahl**
1949	156	3	3.48+	8,008	8,008	none	L.B. Ledahl**
1950	128	2	3.37	5,370	5,370	none	L.B. Ledahl**
1951	108	3	4.00	2,725	2,725	none	Linder Ledahl**

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

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