

WILLIAMS COUNTY

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

Additional Legal Location: Section 10, NE, SW and SE, NW and possibly
Section 11, SW

Name:	Owner:
Lovejoy Coal mine (1916-1920)	E.F. Lovejoy
Avoca Coal Mine (1920-1932)	
Lovejoy Coal Mine (1933)	
Avoca Coal Co. (aka Mine) (1934-1947)	

Category: Commercial/regional and local

Type: Underground, drift, double entries

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
47 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.	SEBR:1918
60 ft.	10 ft.	9 ft.	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 1916, and it may have been in operation prior to that time (see Notes, below). The 1918 SEBR indicates that this mine was driven from the creek bank; the main entry of the mine extended 785 ft. in early 1918. The mine was operated and reported from 1916 through 1936; in 1937 the mine is listed "not operating." The mine was operated and reported again from 1938 through 1947. No listings were noted following 1947; it is not known if the mine, ceased to be operated following that year, if the mine was operated and not reported, or if the mine was operated and reported under some other name. Wonder of Williams (1976) indicates that this mine became a union mine (date unknown), and that John L. Lewis made "many trips out here to meet with the miners, hear their problems, and inspect the mine." This source also indicates that Ed Lovejoy (owner and operator of the mine) was a member of the State Coal Operators Association and that he served on the board of directors of that association. "He had dealers all along the main line of the Great Northern Railroad as well as on the branch lines."

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(62)	WCB Map:1922
SEBR:1918(172)	WCB Map:1926
Wonder of Williams:1976(Vol.II, 1813-1911)	WCB Map:1927

Lovejoy/Avoca Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

Wonder of Williams (1976) indicates that this mine was opened in 1913; however, no SEBR listings were noted for the mine until 1916. Wilder (1905) refers to a Lovejoy Mine (apparently located at T154N, R100W, Section 10); Leonard et al. (1925) refers to an "Old Lovejoy" mine at T154N, R100W, Section 11, SW, and Herald (1913) also refers to a Lovejoy mine at this location in Section 11. It is unclear if the mine referred to by Wilder (1905), the mine that apparently opened in 1913, and the Old Lovejoy Mine referred to by Leonard et al. (1925) are the same mine, or if there was one Lovejoy mine that operated from at least 1905 through about 1913 or 1915, and another Lovejoy mine that operated from about 1916 through 1947. In any event, it appears that Ed Lovejoy operated the Lovejoy Mine(s), and that the mine(s) was (were) located at T154N, R100W, Section 10, NE, SW and SE, NW (identified by this Planning Unit and AML location) and possibly at T154N, R100W, Section 11, SW (not identified by any Planning Unit and AML location).

The Lestak/Ledahhl Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Gauger et al.:1928a(5), 1928b, 1930(4)
Harrington:1934a(21)
Herald:1913(123, Plate X)
Leonard et al.:1925(Map, 154-155)
School of Mines:1927, n.d.(1)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Wilder:1905(30)
Wonder of Williams:1976(Vol.II-1792, 1798, 1813-1814)
WCB:1922, 1926, 1927

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1916	180	9	1.90	5,000	yes	none	E.F. Lovejoy
1917	210	8	1.85	6,500	yes	6,200	E.F. Lovejoy
1919	170	24	no data	10,000	no data	no data	E.F. Lovejoy**
1920	225	11	3.40	7,650	none	7,605	E.F. Lovejoy**
1920	General listing lists "Lovejoy Coal Mine." Production figures are listed under "Avoca Coal Co."						
1921	104	31	3.25	7,925	none	7,925	E.F. Lovejoy**
1922	125	19	2.25	8,530	no data	no data	E.F. Lovejoy**
1923	184	38	3.00	16,012	20	16,012	Ed Lovejoy**
1924	163	15	2.40	4,916	34	4,882	E.F. Lovejoy**
1925	123	24	2.30	7,280	75	7,205	E.F. Lovejoy**
1926	206	28	2.10	8,520	60	8,460	E.F. Lovejoy**
1927	165	25	2.10	8,198	76	8,122	E.F. Lovejoy**
1928	147	20	2.00	7,170	30	7,140	E.F. Lovejoy**
1929	164	27	2.10	7,456	26	7,430	E.J. Lovejoy**
1930	140	17	2.00	5,925	1,038	4,886	E.F. Lovejoy**
1931	94	18	1.80	2,693	2,643	50	E.F. Lovejoy**
1932	114	17	1.50	4,701	3,201	1,500	E.F. Lovejoy**
1933	no data	no data	1.35	4,500	none	4,500	E.F. Lovejoy**
1934	70	8	1.60	2,000	none	2,000	E.F. Lovejoy**
1934	Summary of Inspection lists mine under Lovejoy Coal Mine.						
1935	no data	4	1.50	1,924	292	1,632	E.F. Lovejoy**
1936	Production figures not provided.						
1937	"Not Operating"						
1938	125	3	1.50	1,004	304	700	E.F. Lovejoy**
1939	150	7	1.50	1,531	551	980	E.F. Lovejoy**
1940	120	5	1.50	854	463	391	E.F. Lovejoy**
1941	130	3	1.38+	754	754	none	E.F. Lovejoy**
1942	180	5	1.80	809	659	150	E.F. Lovejoy**
1943	120	4	2.25	800	555	245	E.F. Lovejoy**
1944	42	4	2.50	656	500	156	E.F. Lovejoy**
1945	55	1	2.20+	547	266	281	E.F. Lovejoy**
1946	25	2	2.50	274	87	187	E.F. Lovejoy**
1947	7	2	2.85+	101	none	81	E.F. Lovejoy**

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

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