

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Planning Unit 074: AML Printout #447: T154N, R101W, Section 7, SE

Additional Legal Location: Section 7, SE, NE (1909-1911)
Section 7, S1/2 (1912-1913)
Section 7, NW (1914-ca. 1927)

Name:

Owner:

Head Coal Mine

P.G. (or W.G.) Head

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift, single entry (1909-1913, 1916-ca.1927); Underground, slope, single entry (1914-1915)

Overburden:	Coal Beam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
35 ft.	9 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR:1910, 1912
30-45 ft.	9-13 ft.	8 ft.	SEBR:1914
35 ft.	11-15 ft.	8 ft.	SEBR:1916, 1918
No data	14 ft.	7 ft.	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The 1910 SEBR indicates, "The Head coal mine, owned by P.G. Head, is the newest mine near Williston, having just recently been opened. The entrance of the mine is on the west side of a rather sharp little coulee tributary to Sand Creek, and runs under the west bank. The water, which is quite abundant, is ditched out to the coulee. The main entry has been driven in to about seventy feet, and no rooms or cross entries turned." The 1912 SEBR indicates that the main entry extended 400 ft., and rooms were 100 ft. by 15 ft. Also according to the 1912 SEBR, "at this time several rooms and entries were being worked. The work is not being done in such a manner as to be permanent and difficulty will be experienced in preserving the entries at the point where rooms are turned." According to the 1914 SEBR, the mine "it operated on a single entry system of mining, the main entry being driven in about 450 feet. Rooms have been worked off from the main entry and rooms off from these rooms again, no uniform system of mining being adopted. The mine is drained by a siphon, the water being ditched to a sump and a 2 1/2 inch pipe running from there outside of the mine and down a coulee until a siphon effect is produced." The 1916 SEBR indicates that the main entry of the mine reached 600 ft. According to the 1918 SEBR, a new drift had been begun during the summer of 1916; this drift was located "a short distance north of the old mine." The 1921 CMID indicates that this mine had been condemned and closed. No listings were noted for the mine from 1922 through 1924; the mine was operated and reported in 1925. It is listed in the 1926 CMID but no production figures are provided; additionally, the 1926 CMID

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indicates "At the time of inspection conditions were bad. A new shaft was to be put down to the coal immediately." The 1927 CMID indicates that the mine had been closed. No listings were noted following 1927, and it appears likely that the mine ceased to be operated in about 1927; however, it is possible that the mine was operated and not reported, or that it was operated and reported under some other name following 1927.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(62)

SEBR:1914(149)

SEBR:1910(104)

SEBR:1916(160)

SEBR:1912(125)

SEBR:1918(171)

Notes:

None

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Herald:1913(124, 127)

Leonard et al.:1925(156)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Wonder of Williams:1976(Vol.II, 2191)

Mine: Head Coal Mine

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909	no data	3	1.50	200	yes	no	P.G. Head
1910	200	3-4	1.50	600	yes	no	P.G. Head
1911	200	5-6	1.50	1,167	yes	no	P.G. Head
1912	96	4	1.50	1,141	yes	no	P.G. Head
1913	100	3	1.50	1,075	yes	no	P.G. Head
1914	100	4	1.60	885	yes	no	P.G. Head
1915	154	4	1.60	1,700	yes	no	P.G. Head
1916	264	4	1.75	2,825	yes	no	P.G. Head
1917	289	9	1.85	6,000	yes	200	P.G. Head
1919	288	8	no data	3,000	no data	no data	P.G. Head**
1920	93	4	2.65	493	493	none	Geo. Cowley**
1921	59	5	2.40	557	557	none	George Cowley**
1921	"This mine was condemned and closed"						
1925	189	3	2.50	950	950	none	W.G. Head**
1926	Production figures not provided.						
1927	"Closed"						

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

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