

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Planning Unit 090: AML Printout #234: T159N, R102W, Section 12, SE

Additional Legal Location: Section 12, SE, NE and Section 12, NE or E1/2

Name:	Owner:
Blue Vein Coal Co. (1919-1920)	Olaf Lien (number of years
Stanley Branch Coal Co. (1921-1924)	unknown; owner for remain-
Blue Vein Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1925-1945)	ing years also unknown)
Buqua Coal Mine (1945-1947)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift, double entries

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
70 ft.	6 1/2 ft.	5 1/2 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 1919, and it may have been in operation prior to that time. The mine was operated and reported from 1919 through 1921; the 1920 CMID indicates that "a new slope (is) to be put in and the old one [is] to be used for ventilation and escapement, while the 1921 CMID indicates that the "mine has been taken over by a new company and extensive improvements have been made." No report was included in the 1922 CMID; the 1923 CMID indicates that the mine was abandoned; and the 1924 CMID indicates that the mine was closed. The 1919 and 1920 listings are for a Blue Vein Coal Co. and the 1921, 1923 and 1924 listings are for a Stanley Branch Coal Co. A Blue Vein Coal Mine was operated and reported from 1925 through 1945; it is not listed as a new mine in 1925. The 1945 CMID indicates that the Buqua Coal Mine was formerly the Blue Vein Coal Mine; the mine was operated under both names in 1945. The Buqua Coal Mine was operated and reported in 1946 and 1947; no listings were noted following 1947. It is not known if the mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated but not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name following 1947.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(60)
WCB Map:1923

WCB Map:1924

Notes:

No information was noted that definitely related the Stanley Branch

Blue Vein/Stanley Branch Coal Mine (continued)

Coal Co. with the Blue Vein Coal Co. However, the 1921 CMID does indicate that the Blue Vein Coal Co. had been taken over by a new company (possibly Stanley Branch Coal Co.), and a 1924 WCB map labels a mine at this location the Blue Vein Coal Mine (only the Stanley Branch Coal Co. is listed in the 1924 CMID). Additionally, the 1925 Blue Vein Coal Mine is not listed as a new mine, and it is possible that the Stanley Branch Coal Co. became the Blue Vein Coal Mine in 1925. Because legal locations are similar for the two mines, and superintendent names noted in Wonder of Williams (1976) and linked with this general location all were noted as superintendents of the Blue Vein Coal Mine and/or Stanley Branch Coal Mine, it has been assumed that the two names likely refer to one mine.

It should be noted that Wonder of Williams (1976) lists a Kirsch Coal Mine and a Kinney-Lyman Coal mine as separate mines. No separate listings were noted for mines with these names; however, both of these names were noted as superintendents of the Stanley Branch/Blue Vein Coal Co. Therefore, it has been assumed that it is more likely that although these individuals were remembered for mining separate mines, actually they were superintendents of the same mine at various times.

Harrington (1934a) lists a Blue Vein Coal Mine at T154N, R100W, Section 7. It has been assumed that the legal location listed by Harrington (1934a) is in error, and that Harrington actually is referring to the Blue Flame Coal Mine, which was located at T154N, R100W, Section 7 (Planning Unit 092, AML location 490).

The Eide Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Bureau of Mines:1946(Bulletin 482)
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Harrington:1934a(19) See Note, above
Wonder of Williams:1976(Vol.I, 170)
WCB:1923, 1924

