

BURKE COUNTY

PLANNING UNIT 096: AML Printout #320: T162N, R93W, Section 24

Additional Legal Location: T162N, R93W, Section 19, SW; see Notes

Name:

Crockett & Co. (1919)
Crockett Coal Co. (1920)
Whittier-Crockett Coal Co.
(1921-1925)
Whittier Coal Company (1926-1927)

Owner:

E.R. Crockett and
H.A. Whittier

Category: Commercial/regional and local; Industrial/local

Type: Surface (strip) mine

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
28 ft.	8 ft.	no data	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; however, it does appear likely that the mine did not begin operations prior to about 1918. The 1920 CMID indicates that the Crockett Coal Co. "Is the largest strip mine in the state." Crockett became associated with Whittier in about 1921, and the mine became the Whittier-Crockett Coal Co. The 1926 CMID indicates that "This is one of the largest stripping mines in the state... overburden is moved by the most modern machines used in stripping projects, consisting of Drag-line 2 1/2 yards capacity, a big Marion Shovel capacity 6 yards, and a small Marion shovel 1 3/4 yards capacity." Additionally, "the most modern mechanical loaders are used in loading the coal into boxcars, 2,500 tons per day can be loaded when required." The Whittier-Crockett/Whittier Coal Co. shared maintenance of a railroad with the Truax Coal Company; this railroad spur lead from the mines to Kincaid (approximately 3.5 mi. from the mines), and the Whittier Coal Co. supplied the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s power plant (built by United Power Company in 1925 and purchased by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. in 1926) with lignite in 1926 and 1927. The 1927 CMID lists production statistics for the Whittier Coal Co.; however, the mine is not listed in the Summary of Inspection. "Truax-Traer Coal Mines" are listed in the Summary of Inspection--Truax-Traer purchased the Whittier Coal Co. mine sometime in 1927, and the Whittier Coal Co. ceased to be operated as a separate mine in that year (see mine specific information regarding the Truax Coal Co. and the Truax-Traer Coal Co. on pages 6d through 6j).

Whittier-Crockett Coal Co. (continued)

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:
[source:year(pages)]
CMID:1920(18) DSKS:1984(Vol.II,111-114)
CMID:1926(23) Leonard et al.:1925(77,79)

Notes:

Planning Unit 096, AML location 320 describes 162 93 24; however, the Priority Site correlated with AML #320 lists the legal description 162 93 19. Since it appears likely that AML 320 actually should describe 162 93 19 (Kjos and Schreiner 1984) and the Crockett/Whittier-Crockett/Whittier Coal Co. was situated at 162 93 19 SW, information about this mine has been included here.

The Truax Coal Co. and the Truax-Traer Coal Co. also are located at 162 93 19 (Priority Site #4, and likely Planning Unit 096, AML location 320), and a Diamond Lignite Mine may have been located at Planning Unit 096, AML location 320 (162 93 24).

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(19)
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
DSKS:1984(Volume II, 111-114)
Fargo Forum:1924(17 November), 1926(6 October)
Great Northern Railroad Map:1920
Lemmerman:1974(25)
Leonard et al.:1925(77, 79)
School of Mines:1927, 1930, n.d.(14)
UND:1926(Circular 2)

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 AML Number: 320***

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1919	75	16	no data	17,153	no data	no data	E.R. Crockett**
1920	177	22	no data	58,083	none	58,083	E.R. Crockett**
1921	178	30	2.50	49,351	4,276	45,075	E.R. Crockett**
1922	214	54	2.35	88,738	6,326	82,412	Whittier-Crockett**
1923	309	65	2.45	95,148	3,640	82,378	H.A. Whittier**
1924	365	no data	2.30	100,529	2,676	86,953	H.A. Whittier**
1925	196	10	2.30	122,391	7,200	104,496	H.A. Whittier**
1926	222	78	2.07	124,181	17,552a	106,629	H.A. Whittier**
1927	180	78	1.82	120,596	20,097a	100,499	H.A. Whittier**

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

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

***See Notes included with description of Whittier-Crockett Mine.

a "Part used at Plant"
