

DIVIDE COUNTY

Planning Unit 095: AML Printout #319: T162N, R95W, Section 10

Additional Legal Location: Section 10, NE, E1/2

Name:

Owner:

Truax Coal Mine

E.M. (aka W.) Truax

Category: Commercial/regional and local

Type: Underground, slope, double entry (1909-1916); Underground, shaft (1916-1917)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
35 ft.	7 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1910
40 ft.	7 1/2 ft.	6 1/2 ft.	SEBR:1912
35 ft.	8 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1914
30 ft.	6-7 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1916
45 ft.	7-9 ft.	6 1/2-7 ft.	SEBR:1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32DV11 (see Notes, below)

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Truax Coal Mine was opened in 1902, when it apparently was owned by A. Harold Truax (Oihus 1978). By 1909, A. Harold's brother, Elmer Truax, is listed as owner of the mine and A. Harold is listed as superintendent. Although the mine originally was a slope mine, a new shaft entrance was sunk during the summer of 1916; this new shaft was located 0.25 miles south of the old mine entrance. In the 1916 SEBR, it is reported that the Traux Coal Mine operated an electric plant, which furnished electricity for the hoist, screen, air fan, pumps, and the undercutter at the mine, and it also furnished electricity to the city of Noonan. The Traux brothers moved their mining operations to Kincaid, Burke County, North Dakota in 1918, where they developed a surface mine; the Truax Coal Mine in Divide County ceased operations at this time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

- Oihus:1978(103-104)
- SEBR:1910(106)
- SEBR:1912(111)
- SEBR:1914(128-129)
- SEBR:1916(133)
- SEBR:1918(139)
- SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)
(see Notes, below)

Notes:

The 1910 SEBR lists the Truax Mine under Williams County.

Truax Coal Mine (continued)

Divide County WPA files indicate that Grant Case opened the first coal mine in Section 10 "in 1;04 [sic]." Case apparently homesteaded a tract of land in this section, which he sold to E.M. Truax, who developed an underground mine." However, if the year in which Case opened a coal mine in Section 10 should read 1904, the information is not consistent with information from Oihus (1978), which indicates that A.H. Truax opened his coal mine in 1902. No other information about a Case Coal Mine was noted for this location.

The Tandberg (aka Tamberg) Coal Co., Logelin (aka Logeln) Coal Mine, Dougherty (aka Daugherty) Coal Mine, and Harry Rhodes Coal Mine also are located at Planning Unit 095, AML location 319.

The Hought (Houglet) Mine and the Baukol-Noonan Coal Co. also are located in part at Planning Unit 095, AML location 319. See information for these mines under Planning Unit 095, AML location 507.

The Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine expanded to include portions of T162N, R95W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 12, and according to a 1940 WCB map, features associated with the Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine included the "old Truax Mine tipple."

Site 32DV11, which records the Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine, includes the area in which the Truax Mine was located, and it also includes reference to this mine.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CAL:1912(163)
WPA:Divide County(Series 548, Box 97, Folder 45)
Lemmerman:1974
Magnusson:1960
Minot Daily News:1963, 21 June(6)
Noonan Diamond Jubilee:n.d.(8, 10-11)
Oihus:1978(103-104)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)

Mine: Truax Coal Mine

Planning Unit: 095

AML Number: 319

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909t	no data	9	2.00	5,907	yes	yes	E.M. Truax
1910	300	25	1.50	7,000	yes	yes	E.W. Truax
1911	300	50	1.50	16,075	yes	yes	E.W. Truax
1912	312	49	2.00	18,600	yes	22,000	E.M. Truax
1913	300	65	2.00	23,020	yes	22,000	E.M. Truax
1914	312	78	1,90	27,200	no data	27,200	E.M. Truax
1915	300	76	1.90	26,000	yes	25,000	E.M. Truax
1916	312	50	2.00	25,500	yes	25,000	E.M. Truax
1917	276	65	2.50	50,282	no data	50,282	E.M. Truax

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

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

t Truax Coal Mine listed under Williams County.
