

DIVIDE COUNTY

Planning Unit 095: AML Printout #507: T162N, R95W, Section 3, S1/2
Planning Unit 095: AML Printout #319: T162N, R95W, Section 10

Additional Legal Location: Section 3, SE, S1/2; Section 10, no part
section

Name:	Owner:
Houglet Coal Mine (1912-1913)	J.E. Hought (aka Houglet and Haught)
Haught Coal Mine (1914-1915)	
Hought Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1916-1924)	

Category: Commercial/regional

Type: Underground, slope, double entry

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
50 ft.	6-7 ft.	5-6 ft.	SEBR:1914
39 ft.	6-7 ft.	6 ft.	SEBR:1916
34 ft.	7 ft.	6 1/2-7 ft.	SEBR:1918

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

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Hought (aka Houglet and Haught) Coal Mine was opened in summer 1913. The main entry of the mine extended 1,500 ft. by early 1918. In 1920, it is noted that "it is the intention of the operator to abandon the old mine after this winter and open a new one." In 1921, it is noted that "the resources [of this mine) will be exhausted after the winter's demand is over." In 1925, there is no report for the Hought Coal Mine, and in 1926, the mine is listed as a new strip mine. In 1927, the mine is listed as closed; production statistics are included for 1928, and no listings were noted following 1928. Apparently the underground mine ceased operations in 1924, and the strip (surface) mine ceased operations in about 1928. However, either or both of the mines may have been operated and not reported or operated and reported under some other name following the above-listed years.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

CMID:1921(28)	SEBR:1918(138-139)
CMID:1926(26)	SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)
SEBR:1914(128)	(see Notes, below)
SEBR:1916(132-133)	WCB Map:1924

Houglet Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

In 1926, this mine is listed as a new strip mine, located 1.5 miles southeast of Noonan. The first Hought Coal Mine (the underground mine) was located 1.0 mile southeast of Noonan (in Section 3); 1.5 miles southeast of Noonan would place the mine in Section 10 (Planning Unit 095, AML location 319-T162N, R95W, Section 10). It is quite possible that the Hought strip mine was located in Section 10, and not in Section 3.

The Evaneon/Noonan/Lorbeski Coal Mine, Parker Coal Mine, and the Ford & Light Co. (later Light Bros. Coal Co.) also are located at Planning Unit 095 and AML location 507.

The Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine also is located in part at Planning Unit 095, AML location 507 (T162N, R95W, Section 3, S1/2) and at Planning Unit 095, AML location 319 (T162N, R95W, Section 10). The Baukol-Noonan Coal mine, which apparently began operations at T162N, R95W, Sections 11 and 10, expanded to include portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 12, and according to a 1940 WCB map, features associated with the Baukol-Noonan Coal Mine included "six Hought buildings."

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

The Truax, Tandberg, Logelin, Dougherty, and Harry Rhodes mines also are located at Planning Unit 095, AML location 319.

An excerpt from the Divide County history (1964) indicates that James Hought homesteaded 1 mile east of Noonan, where he farmed and operated a coal mine until the mine was sold to Truax. No additional information about a Truax mine located in Section 3 was noted; a Truax Mine did operate in Section 10, but this mine operated during approximately the same period of years as did the Hought Coal Mine.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Divide County:1964(123-124)
Leonard et al.:1925(78)
Magnusson:1960
NDGS:1921 (Bulletin 4)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32DV11)
WCB:1924

Mine: Houglet Coal Mine (1912-1913)
 Haught Coal Mine (1914-1915)
 Hought Coal Mine (1916-1918)
 Hought Coal Co. (1919-1924)

Planning Unit: 095
 AML Number: 507
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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1912	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	Jos. Houglet
1913	60	3	1.50	300	yes	no	Jos. Houglet
1914	307	14	1.85	7,400	no data	7,400	J.E. Haught
1915	307	20	1.81	13,204	yes	10,398	J.E. Haught
1916	276	37	1.65	18,512	yes	13,877	J.E. Hought
1917	312	46	2.60	28,010	yes	23,821	J.E. Hought
1919	250	13	no data	13,588	no data	no data	Charles Altman**
1920	232	17	3.25	12,195	1,678	10,167	Charles Alton**
1921	202	33	3.00	17,266	2,120	15,146	Jas. Hought**
1922	109	34	3.00	14,681	1,308	13,373	Jas. Hought**
1923	241	32	3.00	25,216	4,001	21,216	Jas. Hought**
1924	130	27	2.50	10,734	815	9,919	Jas. Hought**
1925	no report						
1926t	150	16	2.40	7,871	none	7,871	James E. Hought**
1926t	new mine'						
1927#	150	5	2.40	7,857	857	7,000	James Hought"
19271	"closed'						
19281	100	10	2.50	2,332	732	1,600	James Hought**

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

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

t See Notes in descriptive section for this mine.