

**McLEAN COUNTY**

Planning Unit 068: AML Printout #173: T144N, R82W, Section 6, SW  
Planning Unit 068: AML Printout #174: T144N, R82W, Section 6, SW

Additional Legal Location: Sections 6 and 7 (no part sections)

Name:	Owner:
Kugler Coal Mine (1919)	Crescent Lignite Coal Co.
Falkirk Coal Co. (1920)	(1923-1924)
Crescent Lignite (aka Lig.) Coal Co. (1921-1930)	Betty and Clara Halpern (1923, 1937-1942)
Figenskau Coal Mine (1931-1934)	No data (remaining years)
Figenskau Coal Mine No. 1 (1935-1936)	
Shoman Coal Mine (1936)	
Halpern Coal Mine (1937-1944)	

Category: Commercial/local and regional

Type: Underground, shaft and slope (slope for men and animals), double entry, room and pillar system

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	11 ft.	7 ft.	CMID:1926
No data	8-11 ft.	No data	Leonard et al.:1925

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1919; however, Leonard et al. (1925) indicate that Kugler Mine "is but recently opened." No Kugler Coal Mine is listed in 1920; however, a Falkirk Coal Co. is listed with E. Kugler as superintendent. In 1921, the Crescent Lignite Coal Co. is listed as "formerly operated by the Falkirk Coal Company." In 1931, no listings were noted for a Crescent Lignite Coal Co.; however, a Figenskau Coal Mine is listed and Figenskau was superintendent of the Crescent Lignite Coal Co. from 1924 through 1930. Figenskau apparently began operation of an additional mine in 1933, since the mine identified by the present Planning Unit and AML location is referred to as Figenskau Coal Mine, and a Figenskau Coal Mine No. 2 is listed as a new mine. This mine name was changed again in 1936; however, this change was noted only in the 1936 CMID summary of inspection, which indicates that the Shoman Coal Mine was "formerly Figenskau No. 1." A final name change was noted in 1937, when the Halpern Coal Mine is listed in the summary of inspection as "formerly Shoman Mine." The mine is listed as not operating in 1944, and no listings were noted for the mine following that year. It is likely that the mine ceased operations in about 1944; however, it is possible that the mine was operated but not reported or operated and reported under some other name following 1944.

Crescent/Figenskau/Halpern Mine (continued)

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(35)	WCB Map: 1937
WCB Map:1923(Crescent Coal Mine)	WCB Map:1939
WCB Map:1923(Halpern Coal Mine)	WCB Map:1940
WCB Map:1924	WCB Map:1942

Notes:

Planning Unit 068, AML locations 173 and 174 identify the same legal location: T144N, R82W, Section 6, SW. Legal locations noted for the Crescent Lignite Coal Co./Figenskau Coal Mine/Halpern Coal Mine included T144N, R82W, Sections 6 and 7; however, no part sections were provided for either section. Therefore, it is not known if this mine included the Section 6, SW (these Planning Units and AML locations), or if it was located in some other portion of Section 6.

The Figenskau Coal Mine No. 2 mentioned in the basic data discussion above is identified by Planning Unit 067, AML location 162.

Although 1923 WCB maps exist for both a Crescent Coal Mine and a Halpern Coal Mine, only a Crescent Coal Mine is listed in the 1923 CMID report. A Halpern Coal Mine is not reported until 1937, and information linking the Halpern Coal Mine and the Crescent Coal Mine was noted and is included in the basic data discussion above. Additionally, the legal location included on the 1923 WCB map for the Halpern Coal Mine is identical to that included on the 1923 WCB map for the Crescent Coal Mine. It is not known if the Halpern Coal Mine WCB map from 1923 was actually from some other year, or if two mines were in operation in 1923.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
Harrington:1934a(9)  
Harrington et al.:1931(3)  
Leonard et al.:1925(119)  
Magnusson:1960  
School of Mines:n.d.(2)  
WCB:1923(two--see notes), 1924, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942

Mine: Kugler Coal Mine (1919)  
 Falkirk Coal Co. (1920)  
 Crescent Lignite (aka Lig.)  
 Coal Co. (1921-1930)  
 Figenskau Coal Mine (1931-1934)  
 Figenskau Coal Mine No. 1 (1935-1936)  
 Shoman Coal Mine (1936)  
 Halpern Coal Mine (1937-1944)

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Year	Days		Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
	Operated	Employees			Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1919	145	5	no data	2,743	no data	no data	Ed Kugler**
1920	250	14	1.40	8,015	4,674	3,341	Ed Kugler**
1921	60	13	3.00	2,339	2,339	none	Geo. Smith**
1922	no data	11	2.50	11,049	4,000	7,049	Art. Brown**
1923	236	15	2.50	12,684	4,384	8,300	A.S. Brewer**
1924	300	6	1.60	3,975	3,973	none	Tom Figenskau**
1925	181	12	2.00	7,406	3,006	4,400	Tom Figenskau**
1926	141	9	2.00	2,602	1,602	1,000	T. Figenskau**
1927	131	10	2.00	3,393	2,193	1,200	T. Figenskau**
1928	117	13	2.00	2,831	2,131	700	T. Figenskau**
1929	90	9	2.25	1,695	1,395	300	T. Figenskau**
1930	159	7	1.90	4,900	3,300	1,600	T. Figenskau**
1931	159	9	1.90	4,910	3,310	1,600	Thomas Figenskau**
1932	147	12	1.50	8,177	4,707	3,470	T. Figenskau**
1933	147	8	1.30	5,359	1,356	4,003	Thos. Figenskau**
1934	154	10	1.07	5,297	1,253	4,044	Thomas Figenskau**
1935	150	8	1.07	5,297	1,253	4,044	Thos. Figenskau**
1936	89	13	1.19	4,164	2,568	1,596	Thos. Figenskau**
1936	Production statistics are listed under Figenskau Coal Mine No. 1; Summary of Inspection indicates that the Shoman Coal Mine was "formerly Figenskau No. 1."						
1937	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
1937	Summary of Inspection indicates that the Halpern Coal Mine was "formerly Shoman Mine"						
1938	120	5	1.30	1,700	1,300	400	Fred Staigle**
1939	250	7	1.50	4,070	926	3,144	Fred Staigle**
1940	182	10	1.30	6,000	5,100	900	Fred Staigle**
1941	120	8	1.25	3,000	2,100	900	Fred Staigle**
1942	154	8	1.75	4,375	2,915	1,460	Thos. Figenskau**
1943	122	9	1.84	3,354	3,049	305	Thos. Figenskau**
1944	83	8	2.17	1,941	1,812	129	Marvin Hughart**
1944	"not operating"						

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

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