

McLEAN COUNTY

Planning Unit 087: AML Printout #594: T148N, R83W, Section 18
Planning Unit 087: AML Printout #595: T148N, R83W, Section 19

Additional Legal Location: Section 18, NE and SE; Section 19 no part section

Name: Custer Coal Mine (1947-1950)
Truax Traer (aka Truax-Traer) Coal Co. (1951-1964) (Division of Consolidation Coal Co., 1962-1964)

Owner: Truax-Traer Coal Co. (dates unknown)

Category: Commercial/regional and local

Type: Strip (surface)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	No data	No data	Not applicable

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1947. The mine is reported continuously from 1947 through 1964, and it is not listed as closed or not operating in 1964. It is not known if the mine ceased operations following 1964, or if it continued to operate, but was not reported.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Carlson and Laird:1964(20) WCB Map:n.d.

Notes:

Carlson and Laird (1964) indicate that this mine was located in T148N, R83W, Section 18, NE and SE. Brant (1953), Magnusson (1960), and Van Sant et al. (1959) indicate that this mine was located in T148N, R83W, Section 19 (no part section). All of Section 18 is identified by Planning Unit 087, AML location 594, and all of Section 19 is identified by Planning Unit 087, AML location 595; therefore, both Planning Unit/AML locations are included with this mine.

The Zook Coal Co., Hummel Coal Mine, and Johnson Coal Mine also are located at Planning Unit 087, AML location 594.

Custer/Truax Traer Coal Mine (continued)

The Ulrich Coal Mine and the Boger Bros. Coal Mine also may be located at Planning Unit 087, AML location 594.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(25)

Carlson and Laird:1964(20)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Magnusson:1960

Van Sant et al.:1959

WCB:n.d.

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner, Operator or Superintendent*
1947	135	52	1.54	75,779+	2,746+	70,927+	Jonas Johnson**
1948	232	60	1.92+	242,761+	21,553+	222,195	Jonas Johnson**
1949	229	42	2.31	291,897+	23,799+	266,920+	Jonas Johnson**
1950	227	44	2.25	370,530+	22,194+	347,121+	Melvin Koppelsloen**
1951	177	51	2.30	285,378+	19,554+	269,197+	M. Koppelsloen**
1952	179	53	2.34	297,470+	14,173+	281,568+	M. Koppelsloen**
1953	154	50	2.33	242,242+	15,157+	225,886+	M. Koppelsloen**
1954	171	29	2.32	286,591+	18,334	266,960+	M. Koppelsloen**
1955	146	24	2.43	180,281+	19,735+	158,681+	M. Koppelsloen**
1956	142	25	2.55	170,657	18,933	154,830	M. Koppelsloen**
1957	129	10	2.75	80,765	15,139	65,870	M. Koppelsloen**
1958	123	8	2.79	61,466	11,905	49,561	M. Koppelsloen**
1959	140	10	2.87	57,951	11,442	46,509	M. Koppelsloen**
1960	139	8	3.13	38,369	11,590	26,779	M. Koppelsloen**
1961	138	6	2.96	33,413	8,201	24,305	M. Koppelsloen**
1962	150	5	2.79	43,616	8,876	34,008	M. Koppelsloen**
1962/64	228	4	2.84	52,498	12,957	41,181	M. Koppelsloen**

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

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