

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

Planning Unit 082: AML Printout #486: T152N, R92W, Section 16, NE
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Additional Legal Location: 1) No part section
2) T152N, R90W, Section 16, NE

Name: Jess Stringer (1923)
Superior Coal Mine (aka Superior Mine)
(1926-1940)
Note: aka J.J. Stringer Mine (1936)

Owner: No data

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface) (1923, 1926-1936); Underground, drift (1935);
Underground, slope (1937-1940)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
46 ft.	6 ft.	No data	CMID:1926
No data	8-10 ft.	No data	Harrington: 1934
No data	8 ft.	No data	Harrington: 1936

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Jess Stringer mine is listed as a new mine in 1923; no further listings were noted for a Jess Stringer or a Stringer mine. The 1926 CMID lists a Superior Coal Mine, superintended by J. Stringer, as a new mine. The Superior Coal Mine was operated and reported continuously from 1926 through 1940, when it is listed as not operating. The mine was operated as a strip mine from 1926 through 1935, when it is listed as drift and strip. The mine is listed only as a strip mine again in 1936, and it is listed as a slope mine from 1937 through 1940. Although it seems likely that the mine ceased operations following 1940, no information was noted that stated this definitely. See Notes, below.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

CMID:1926(46)

WCB Map:1937

Notes:

Although no locational information was noted in association with the Jess Stringer mine listed in the 1923 CMID, and no information was noted that specifically indicates that the Jess Stringer mine and the Superior mine were the same mine or that they were at the same

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location, both mines have been included here, primarily because J. (or Jess) Stringer was the superintendent of the Superior Coal Mine throughout its years of operation.

Although information noted in Harrington (1936) is in reference to a J.J. Stringer mine, it appears likely that Harrington (1936) was referring to the Superior Coal Mine, since the Superior Coal Mine is listed in the 1936 CMID with J.J. Stringer listed as superintendent and no J.J. Stringer mine listings were noted in the 1936 CMID report or in any other CMID report, with the exception of the 1923 CMID (which lists Jess Stringer).

A 1937 WCB map was noted, which indicates that the Superior Mine was located at T152N, R90W, Section 16, NE. Other references containing a legal location in association with this mine (Harrington 1934, 1936) indicate that the mine was located at T152N, R92W, Section 16. It is not known if the range listed on the 1937 WCB map is in error, or if Stringer moved his mine in 1937. It should be noted that the Superior Mine is listed as a strip mine consistently from 1926 through 1937, when it is listed as a slope mine, and it is listed as a slope mine from 1937 through 1940, when it is listed as not operating. The possibility does exist that Stringer moved his mine in 1937 and began a slope mine at T152N, R90W, Section 16, NE.

Harrington (1934, 1936) indicates that this mine was located at T152N, R92W, Section 16; however, Harrington does not provide a part section. The 1937 WCB map (which lists T152N, R90W, Section 16, NE) may be in error; however, it also may indicate that the mine was moved from T152N, R92W, Section 16 to T152N, R90W, Section 16 in about 1937. If the range listed on the 1937 WCB map is in error, the Superior Mine was located at the legal location identified by Planning Unit 082, AML location 486 (T152N, R92W, Section 16, NE). If the range listed on the 1937 WCB map is not an error and the mine was moved in about 1937, no part section of Section 16 is known for those years the mine was operated at T152N, R92W, Section 16. Since Planning Unit 082, AML location 486 (T152N, R92W, Section 16, NE) and Planning Unit 082, AML location 485 (T152N, R92W, Section 16, SW, SE) both identify portions of Section 16, and the part of Section 16 in which the Superior Mine may have been located is not known definitely, both Planning Unit/AML locations have been included with this information about the Superior Mine.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Harrington:1934(13), 1936(1)
School of Mines:n.d.(9)
WCB:1937

Mine: Jess Stringer (1923)
 Superior Coal Mine (aka Superior
 Mine) (1926-1940)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1923	"new mine"						
1926	60	5	3.00	300	300	none	J. Stringer**
1926	"new mine"						
1927	182	2	2.50	500	500	none	J. Stringer**
1928	150	2	2.50	200	200	none	Stringer-Tolgen**
1929	60	1	2.25	250	250	none	J. Stringer**
1930	80	2	2.00	350	350	none	J.J. Stringer**
1931	90	1	1.50	400	400	none	J.J. Stringer**
1932	105	1	1.50	480	480	none	J.J. Stringer**
1933	150	no data	1.50	400	400	none	J.J. Stringer**
1934	68	1	1.50	300	300	none	J.J. Stringer**
1935	no data	no data	1.50	100	100	none	J.J. Stringer**
1936	40	no data	1.50	300	300	none	J.J.Stringer**
1937	40	no data	1.50	245	245	none	J.J. Stringer & Son**
1938	190	no data	1.50	450	450	none	Stringer & Sons**
1939	100	no data	1.50	560	560	none	Jess Stringer**
1940	114	no data	1.50	470	470	none	Jess Stringer**
1940	"not operating"						

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

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