

**STARK COUNTY**

Planning Unit 037: AML Printout #503: T139N, R95W, Section 7, SE

Additional Legal Location: T139N, R95W, Section 7 NE--see Notes

Name:

Owner:

Hokos & Benek Mine (1917-1919)	Hokos & Benek Coal Mining
Benek (aka Binek) Coal Mine (1920-1945)	Company (1917-1919) Benek (aka Binek) Family (1920-1945)

Category: Commercial/local; Industrial/local

Type: Underground, shaft, double entry (1917-1944); Underground, shaft, double entry and surface (strip) (1945)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
70 rt.	12.5 ft.	8 ft.	SEBR:1918
No data	14 ft.	7 ft.	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: 32SK67

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was opened during the summer of 1917; by early 1918, the main entry extended about 90 ft., but no rooms had yet been turned. The 1918 SEBR indicates that "When visited January 12, 1918, the mine was not being operated and could not be entered on account of water." The 1920 CMID indicates that the mine "Was in fair condition with the exception of drainage." The 1926 CMID indicates that "the mine is practically dry and very little timber is needed to insure safe working conditions." That report also indicates "A small electric generator and a short wall cutting machine have been installed since the last inspection." The 1928, 1929, and 1930 CMIDs indicate that a portion of the lignite produced by this mine was "Used at the Plant" it is unclear what power plant was being supplied with the coal, but it may have been the Dickinson Power Plant. Various of the CMID reports from 1933 through 1942 indicate that this mine was being mined by use of machines, so apparently the mine continued to have access to electrical power. The mine continued to be operated as an underground shaft mine and reported from 1917 through 1945, and the 1945 CMID indicates that the mine was operated both as a shaft mine and as a surface (strip) mine. No listings were noted for this mine following 1945; it is not known if the mine ceased being operated, if it was operated and not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name or as part of some other mine following 1945.

Benek (Binek) Coal Mine (continued)

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1920(22)	WCB Map:1930
CMID:1926(52)	WCB Map:1925-1931
SEBR:1918(159)	WCB Map:1937
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32SK67)	WCB Map:1925-1939
WCB Map:1925-1926	WCB Map:1943
WCB Map:1925-1927	WCB Map:1945
WCB Map:1925-1928	

Notes:

Planning Unit 037, AML location 503 describes 139 95 7 SE; however, it appears possible that it actually should describe 139 95 7 NE (Kjos and Schreiner 1984). The Benek (aka Binek) Coal Mine is located at 139 95 7 NE, and therefore information about it has been provided here.

The Missouri Slope Company (aka Dickinson Fire & Pressed Brick Company Mine) is and a portion of the Pittsburg/Dickinson Coal Mine may be located at Planning Unit 037, AML location 503 (139 95 7 SE).

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(51)  
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
Gauger et al.:1928a(4), 1928b(5), 1930(4)  
Harrington:1934a(15), 1936(1)  
Harrington et al.:1931(4)  
Leonard et al.:1925(144-145)  
NDGS:1921(Bulletin 4)  
School of Mines:1927, 1930, n.d.(1)  
SHSND:NDCRS Site Files (32SK67)  
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
WCB Maps:1925-1926, 1925-1927, 1925-1928, 1930, 1925-1931, 1937 1925-1939, 1943, 1945

Mine: Hokos & Benek Mine (1917-1919)  
 Benek Coal Mine (1920-1945)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1917	new mine						
1917	60	4	2.25	683	yes	no	Hokos & Benek Coal Mining Company
1919	253	9	no data	2,748	no data	no data	J. Hokos**
1920	no data	no data	no data	6,230	6,230	none	Frank Benek**
1921	265	22	2.50	5,047	4,927	120	Frank Benek**
1922	243	10	2.50	6,138	6,138	none	Frank Benek**
1923	285	14	2.25	7,894	7,894	none	Frank Benek**
1924	246	9	2.10	7,540	7,540	none	Frank Benek**
1925	231	11	2.00	6,852	6,852	none	Mike Binek**
1926	218	9	1.75	8,264	8,264	none	Mike Binek**
1927	243	10	2.00	9,342	9,342	none	Mike Binek**
1928	272	15	2.00	14,093	14,093a	none	Mike Binek**
1929	252	15	2.00	18,113	18,113a	none	Mike Binek**
1930	261	13	1.70	14,966	14,966a	none	Mike Binek**
1931	202	11	1.50	10,328	10,328	none	Mike Binek**
1932	249	10	1.40	9,202	9,202	none	Martin Binek**
1933	227	11	1.40	10,187	10,187	none	Martin Binek**
1934	247	6	1.60	6,862	6,862	none	Martin Binek**
1935	239	10	1.60	6,146	6,146	none	Martin Binek**
1936	172	10	1.55	4,526	4,526	none	Martin Binek**
1937	252	9	1.52	3,952	3,952	none	Martin Binek**
1938	206	9	1.58	5,312	5,312	none	Martin Binek**
1939	228	9	1.53	6,886	6,886	none	Martin Binek**
1940	270	17	1.65	7,615	7,615	none	Frank Binek**
1941	249	12	1.74	6,314	6,314	none	Frank Binek**
1942	252	16	1.90	7,902	7,902	none	Frank Binek**
1943	250	18	2.50	10,282	10,282	none	Frank Binek**
1944	304	17	2.50	11,768	11,768	none	Frank Binek**
1945	324	16	2.27	16,500	16,500	none	Frank Binek**

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

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

\*\*\*See Notes included with description of Binek Mine.

a "Part used at Plant."