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PART I.

Coal Mining and Coal Mines in the Des Moines, Iowa Area

INTRODUCTION

Des Moines, Iowa, the state's capital city, is situated within a portion of the state underlain by abundant coal resources. Early in the city's history, local deposits of coal were a readily available source of fuel for homes, industries, and railroads. Eventually, an underground mining industry arose in the Des Moines area and persisted for over 100 years (1840 to 1947). Recorded production totalled 50,965,427 tons from original reserves estimated at 750 million tons in Polk County (Landis and Van Eck, 1965).

Little direct evidence of the once thriving coal industry is visible in the present-day Des Moines area. However, the underground openings left by mining operations continue to cause problems long after mining ceased. Undermined areas remain subject to subsidence (collapse) of the land surface until the mining opening has become stable. Subsidence in an urban area poses varying degrees of risk to people and property affected by the collapse. Incidents of mine-related subsidence have occurred in the Des Moines area and will probably persist.

Documentation of the coal industry survives in the form of surveyed mine maps, published records, and files accumulated by agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating the industry. Although these records are incomplete, partial delineation of the undermined areas and inferences about the local geology can be made from them.

The purpose of this study is to compile information on past coal-mining activity in the city of Des Moines and the surrounding urbanized area. Greatest emphasis is placed on delineating undermined areas and summarizing documentation from the available records. The limits of the study area encompass the most densely populated portion of the Des Moines area affected by undermining and includes all known underground mines in Polk County. Figure 1 shows the location of the study area and identifies the included communities. Surface mines, not included in the study area, were developed in the southeastern part of the county and produced a small amount of coal during the mid-1950s.

This report consists of five sections: 1) a discussion of coal mines and mining in the Des Moines area; 2) a map which shows locations and extents of identified mines superimposed on a map of Des Moines-area streets; 3) a discussion of local geology; 4) a glossary which explains geologic and mining terminology; 5) appendices which list data for each mine and describe sources and compilation of data.

This report comprises the best currently available information on underground coal mines in

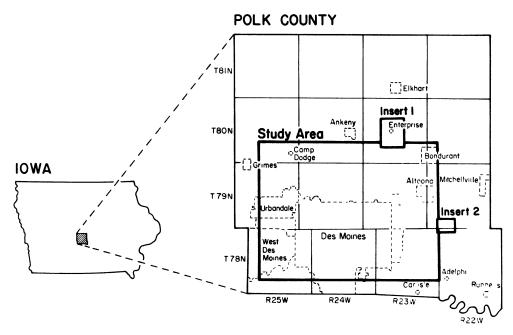


Figure 1. Map showing study area included in this report. Inserts 1 and 2 show the correct locations of portions of the area which were inset to make Plate 1.

the Des Moines area. It includes numerous revisions and additions to the report issued by the Iowa Geological Survey (IGS) in 1979. These refinements were achieved by careful study of a large number of restored mine maps including many which were not previously available. Additionally, use of computer-aided design techniques to prepare the map (Plate I) allowed more accurate transfer of information from mine maps. Caution is advised, however, in using the current report because part of the undermined area cannot yet be delineated due to incomplete or conflicting information.

Documentation of abandoned underground mines, especially in urban areas, is essential for evaluation of potential and existing mine subsidence problems. This report is meant to serve as a reference to known abandoned coal mines, but does not replace mine maps and detailed subsurface geologic data where more specific information is needed. This report serves, secondarily, as a historical reference for what was once an important industry in Des Moines.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND RELATED WORK

Preparation of this report was facilitated by results of a number of previous projects. The Des Moines area was included in an inventory of mine-related problems compiled by the Iowa Geological Survey (IGS) from 1979 through 1981 as part of the Abandoned Mine Lands Inventory under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining. Data for all mines which operated in Iowa were compiled as part of the Mineral Industry Location System under an Iowa Geological Survey contract with the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1982. Coal mine names, locations, and dates of operation form a large portion of the data. Documentation of abandoned coal mines in Iowa was compiled and organized to create the Iowa Mined Lands Data System as part of a contract with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Division of Soil Conservation, from 1986 to 1988. This compilation of mine-related data and maps provided the information presented in the appendices and Plate I. It is described in further detail in Appendix V.

Recent episodes of mine-related subsidence in southeastern Des Moines were reported by Avcin

(1978, 1979) which prompted renewed interest in the abandoned mines underlying the area. In response, Lancaster and Avcin (1979) prepared a map of the Des Moines area published on a limited basis showing outlines of abandoned mines and a compilation of related data. The Des Moines City Engineer's Office modified the map by adding a city street base map and released it in that form.

COAL MINING IN THE DES MOINES AREA

MINING HISTORY

Soldiers stationed at Fort Des Moines about 1840 were the first to mine coal in the area from outcrops along the Des Moines River valley. One of these early mines was located near the Center Street dam on the Des Moines River (Sec. 4, T78N, R24W). However, coal mining did not become an important industry until about 25 years later. The development of coal resources in Des Moines was slowed by an abundant wood supply, unavailability of effective mining techniques, and inadequate transportation (Lees, 1908).

The organization of the Des Moines Coal Company by Wesley Redhead in 1865 marked the beginning of coal mining on a commercial scale. He opened a slope mine north of the city on the west side of the Des Moines River named the Des Moines Coal Co. Mine, indicated as #50 on Plate I. The fledgling coal-mining industry grew steadily and by 1876, 500 men were employed in the mines producing 150,000 bushels (approximately 8,000 tons) of coal annually (Lees, 1908). In 1893, records show there were twenty-three mines operating in Polk County. Twenty supplied coal for the "shipping" market, which implies they were large mining operations. Eighteen were equipped with the latest (for the time) models of steam-powered hoisting engines (Lees, 1908). Most mining activity at this time centered around the community of Sevastapol immediately south of the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers. The Pioneer (#92 on Plate I) and Eclipse (#97 on Plate I) mines were major producers at this time.

Des Moines benefitted from the growth of its mining industry. Coal mines provided employment as well as fuel for homes, industries, and railroads. The railroad system expanded in response to the increased availability of fuel and the demand for transportation of the coal to other locations. Railroad spurs were commonly extended to the hoisting shafts of many of the larger mines so that coal could be loaded directly onto rail cars. These large "shipping" mines made Polk County a leading coal producer in Iowa.

Coal production continued to increase with the adoption of more efficient mining methods and the opening of new mines. From 1895 to 1905, over seven million tons were produced in Polk County. From 1906 to 1915, production doubled to over 14 million tons. Unfortunately, the rapid growth of the coal industry was accompanied by increasing numbers of mine-related injuries and fatalities. Early reports (until about 1915) of the State Mine Inspectors' Office include long lists of mining casualties.

Polk County ranked second (Monroe County ranked first) in total coal production during the height of the coal-mining industry. Coal production reached its peak in Polk County (and throughout Iowa) in 1917, when Polk County mines produced 1,880,812 tons of coal and employed nearly 3,000 mine workers. Total coal production for the state was 9,049,806 tons that year (State Mine Inspectors' Report, 1917). United States involvement in World War I was the primary cause for increased coal production. The coal mined in Iowa was shipped to Illinois and Kentucky to replace coal shipped from those states to industrial areas further east for the production of war materials.

Iowa coal production declined sharply with the loss of out-of-state markets after World War I. During World War II, labor shortages and development of new energy sources such as petroleum, hydroelectric, and nuclear power caused the further decline of the coal industry. By 1945, only four underground coal mines remained in operation in Polk County, employing 218 people and producing 128,311 tons of coal. The last underground coal mine in Polk County was the Central Service Mine No. 6 (#45 on Plate I) which closed in 1947.

Hinds (1908), Bain (1896), and Keyes (1894) used data collected from coal mines, coal exploration drilling, water wells, and outcrops to describe three coal seams which reached mineable thickness in the Des Moines area. They were referred to, in descending order, by the informal designations "first vein," "second vein," and "third vein." Some local names such as "Swanwood vein" or "Hastie vein" were used as well. Using this

terminology, the historical descriptions suggest that the "first vein" was the smallest producer, probably because it was thin or sporadic in occurrence. The bulk of coal was produced from the "second vein" and "third vein," with the latter most often identified as the mined seam. The informal stratigraphic nomenclature used at the time did not imply that the coal seams were continuous or could be traced across the Des Moines area.

Mining was complicated by discontinuities and irregularities ("faults" in miner's jargon) characteristic of coal seams in the Cherokee Group. "Faults" often limited the extent of mineable coal and contributed to poor roof conditions or intractable flooding problems in the mines. Notes about these problems were commonly added to the mine maps and records as they were prepared.

Multiple-level mining was a common practice where two coal seams in vertical succession reached mineable thicknesses. Upper and lower levels of the mine were usually connected by a shaft or slope, although in some cases they may not have been operated by the same mining company. The Norwood-White mines No. 4 and No. 5 (#8 and #7 respectively, on Plate I) each operated in a different coal seam. A connecting shaft is shown on the maps for these mines.

MINING METHODS

The earliest mines were small drift mines located along streams and river banks and consisted of tunnels dug into an outcropping coal seam. These mines were operated by a few individuals and production was generally low. They were eventually replaced by larger, more efficient operations.

Room-and-pillar mining was the most common method used in the Des Moines area (figure 2). In this method of coal mining, a series of elongate, rectangular rooms were created as the coal was mined. The rooms were separated by pillars of coal left behind to support the roof (overlying rock). Typically, the rooms were arranged at right angles to two parallel corridors which served as haulageways. The parallel haulageways were used to direct movement of miners and coal and as a ventilation system for the mine. This method allowed removal of 40 to 50% of the coal. It was common practice to mine ("rob") the pillars just prior to abandonment to extract the last available coal from the mine. Consequently, less than 50 to

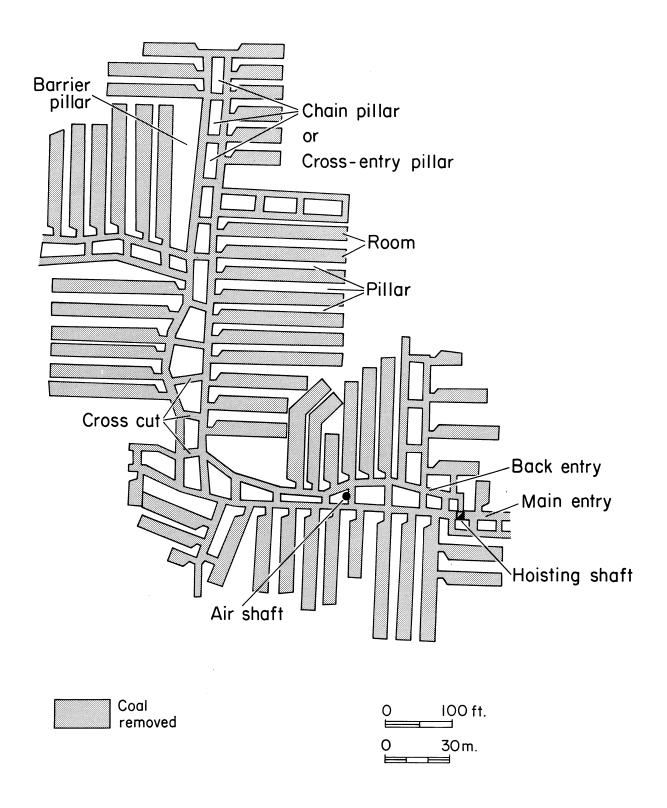


Figure 2. Features of a room-and-pillar mine, the most common method of mining in the Des Moines area. Fifty to sixty percent of the roof area is left supported by coal pillars, although pillar "robbing" decreased the percentage of roof support substantially in some mines.

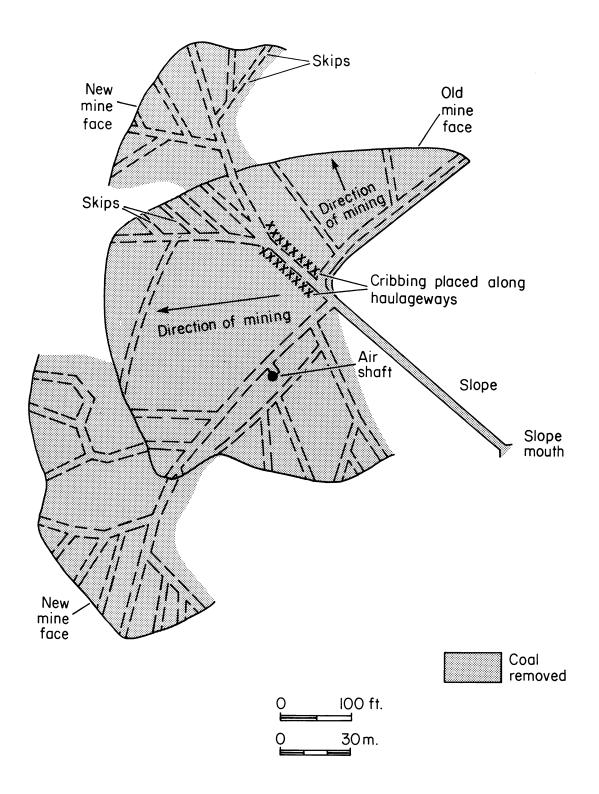


Figure 3. Features of a longwall mine, a method used by a few mines in the Des Moines area where the coal was thin and the roof rock was stable. Nearly 100% of the coal was removed allowing the mine roof to collapse soon after mining. Cribbing (artificial roof support) was installed along the main haulageways to keep them open.

Table 1. Summary of mine site locations and extents.

Type of Information	Number of Mines	Located on Plate I
Mines with known extents	126	
Source of information		
Mine maps	101	yes
State Mine Inspectors' Maps	15	yes
Lease blocks from Annual Reports	10	yes
Mines with unknown extents	96	
Source of information		
Various, location known,		
extent unknown	34	yes
State Mine Inspector's files,		
locations, extents unknown	62	no
TOTAL NUMBER OF MINES, ALL TYPES	222	

60% of the roof area was supported when the mine was abandoned, increasing the possibility of roof collapse (Olin, 1965).

Longwall mining was used less often in the Des Moines area, usually as an adjunct to room-and-pillar mining. This method was typically resorted to where the coal seam was too thin to be economically mined by room-and-pillar methods or where the roof rock was exceptionally competent and immediate collapse was unlikely. Longwall mining was much more common in other areas of Iowa such as Centerville in Appanoose County (Howes et al., 1986). In longwall mining, entries were dug outward in a branching pattern into the coal seam and artificial support (usually wood), called "cribbing," was installed along the entries. Then the coal was mined outward from the entries in a fan-shaped pattern (figure 3). Longwall mining allowed removal of 90% or more of the coal.

Most of the mine entrances in the Des Moines area were vertical hoisting shafts, though a few slope entries were dug for shallow coal seams or coal outcrops along the river-valley bluffs. Air shafts were dug in most mines for air circulation and emergency exits.

Coal was mined largely by hand labor when the industry flourished in the Des Moines area. At the working face the coal seam was drilled and the

holes were loaded with blasting powder to produce a controlled "shot" (a blast to fracture and loosen the coal). It was then further broken-up using picks and other hand tools. Small coal cars which were pulled by ponies or pushed by men ("pushers") over tracks that ran along the haulageways carried the coal to a central shaft. From there it was hoisted to the surface where it was loaded onto railroad cars or piled for storage. The hoists were powered by steam engines or "horse gins" (Jervis et al., 1951).

ABANDONED COAL MINES IN THE DES MOINES AREA

A total of 222 coal mines operated in the Des Moines area during the period of active coal production. The data available for each mine vary greatly in both quantity and accuracy (Table 1). This study located 160 (shown on Plate I) of the 222 mines and delineated the mined-out extents for 126. Detailed surveyors' mine maps are available for 101 of the locatable mines and are considered the most accurate source of mine locations and extents. Where more than one mine map was available for a mine, the most recent or most extensive was used for mapping. Ideally, this map was drafted after the mine was abandoned, insuring that the outline

on Plate I represents the maximum extent of the mine. When these maps were not available, the most recent revisions were used to obtain the mine outline. Measurements from mine maps showed that an area totalling 12,366 acres (19.3 sq. mi.) is undermined by these well-documented mines.

Approximate extents for fifteen mines were obtained from State Mine Inspectors' maps. Comparisons of outlines on these maps with detailed mine maps show that some of the State Mine Inspectors' maps are inaccurate. Therefore, the outlines (Plate I) for these fifteen mines should be viewed as approximate and for this reason they are not included in the total acreage of undermined area. The Western Coal Co. Saylor Mine (#10) is notable because part of its outline was taken from a mine map and part from the State Mine Inspectors' maps. The portion outlined from the mine map was included in the total acreage of undermined land, but the portion obtained from the State Mine Inspectors' maps was not.

The tracts leased by coal companies (lease blocks) outlined in some IGS Annual Reports (e.g., Hinds, 1908; Lees, 1908) were used to show the approximate extents of ten mines. It was not possible to determine how closely the mined areas agreed with the lease blocks; therefore, these outlines should also be viewed as approximations of the actual undermined areas and are not included in the total acreage affected by underground mines.

Thirty-four mines were located for which no extent could be determined. The sources for these included IGS Annual Reports, State Mine Inspectors' Reports, and other unpublished documents. These mines are shown on Plate I as numbered triangles and are included in Appendices I and II. Many of these mines operated before reporting requirements were implemented so it is probable that no maps were filed with the State Mine Inspectors' office. Some of these mines may have been quite large, but their impact on the Des Moines area is difficult to assess because so little is known about them.

Sixty-two additional mines which could not be located were documented for Polk County (Appendix III). The records for these mines lacked location data or contained only vague references such as a post office address. Some of these may represent alternate names for mines which have already been located. Because little is known about them, any assessment of the area they undermined is presently impossible.

As the preceding discussion indicates, the undermined area shown on Plate I is known to be incomplete. The number of mines comprising the well-documented undermined area is 44% of the total number of mines known to have operated in the Des Moines area. The remaining 56% of the total number includes all mines with poorly documented or unknown extents. The total acreage affected by these poorly documented mines is potentially large and their impacts are difficult to assess because so little is known about them.

PART II. Geology of the Des Moines Area

INTRODUCTION

The geologic setting dictates the location of coal mines, the methods used in mining, and the impact of coal mines on the environment. The following discussion of coal geology is included to further explain the distribution of mining and consequent potential problems related to abandoned mines. An understanding of geologic conditions and processes is not essential to using the abandoned mine map and related information, but is included to provide further information about the area and the mines. A glossary of geologic and mining terms is included at the end of this report to aid the reader.

An economically mineable coal deposit results from a favorable sequence of geologic environments and processes: production and accumulation of peat, burial of the peat to sufficient depth for an adequate period of time to convert it to coal, and uplift of the coal and erosional downcutting of overlying materials bringing it close enough to the surface to be reached by current mining techniques.

Geologic conditions can also affect environmental problems caused by coal mining either during mining or for a period of time following completion of mining. Mine-related subsidence can be delayed or aggravated by physical characteristics of the overburden. Properties of consolidated and nonconsolidated overburden such as permeability, water-table elevation, crushing and shear properties, are complexly interrelated making mine subsidence difficult to characterize. Settling of structures caused by inappropriate construction techniques or instability of surficial material may mimic the subtler effects of mine subsidence in unmined areas or aggravate damage caused by mine subsidence. Under these circumstances, it is often virtually impossible to determine the cause of settling.

GEOLOGIC SETTING OF THE DES MOINES AREA

The bedrock over most of the Des Moines area is assigned to the Cherokee Group of the Pennsylvanian System (figure 4). Small areas of younger Marmaton Group strata are present in the southern and southwestern parts of Polk County (figure 4). In the study area the Pennsylvanian-age

strata are separated from underlying Mississippianage carbonate rocks (e.g. limestone, dolomite) by a major unconformity (Ravn et al., 1984). The Pennsylvanian-age rocks are overlain by Pleistocene glacial tills, loess, and alluvium.

Des Moines and the surrounding area are situated near the northern edge of the Forest City Basin, a shallow Pennsylvanian-age structural basin centered in northwestern Missouri. The result is a gentle regional dip in the strata southwestward toward the center of the basin with gradual thickening of the Pennsylvanian-age rocks to a maximum of approximately 1700 ft. in the southwestern part of Iowa. The maximum thickness of Pennsylvanian-age rocks in the Des Moines area is approximately 450 ft. with the greatest thickness present in the southwestern corner of the county.

DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE CHEROKEE GROUP STRATA IN IOWA

The Cherokee Group strata of Iowa were deposited on the shoreline of an ancient sea situated near the equator during Pennsylvanian time (280-310 million years ago). In general terms, deposition occurred on large river-delta complexes. The dominant process in this environment is transport and deposition of sediment by fresh-water streams draining from the continental landmass into relatively shallow seas creating an environment favorable for establishment of coastal swamps. Deposits formed in this fluvial-deltaic environment are typically nonmarine clastic sediments (e.g. mud, sand) derived from the landmass. The deposits are usually lenticular and exhibit rapid lateral variations both in lithology and thickness. The nonmarine deposits are interbedded with sparse, lenticular marginal marine sediments, deposited in brackish water, gradational to marine shales and limestones, deposited in seawater. A tropical climate provided an ideal environment for lush plant growth while the depositional environment determined the type and amount of peat which accumulated as well as the impurities incorporated with the plant matter. Topographic relief was very low and the water table was at or near the land surface during deposition. Eustatic (region-wide) sea level changes exerted a strong influence on deposition in this environment by raising and lowering stream base levels and the

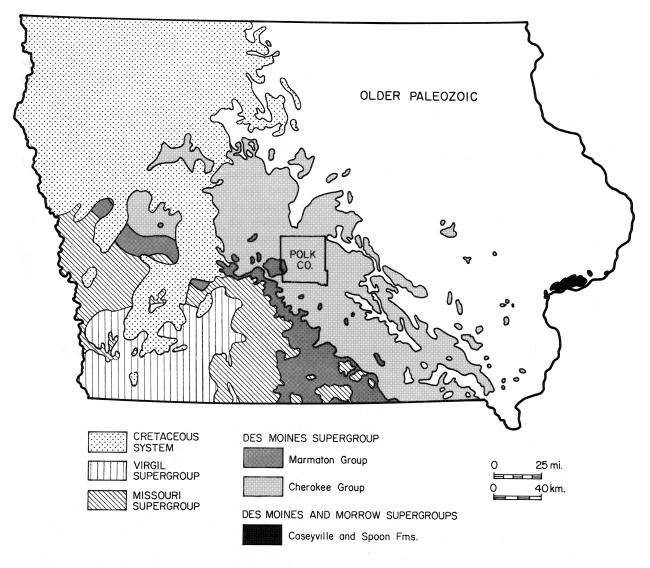


Figure 4. Bedrock geologic map of Iowa showing distribution of Pennsylvanian-age rocks. Pennsylvanian strata are absent in the area marked "Older Paleozoics" which combines all older strata. The Cretaceous overlies and obscures the Pennsylvanian in western and northwestern Iowa. Unconsolidated Pleistocene deposits cover the bedrock throughout the state.

water table. The high water table and poor water circulation provided favorable conditions for the preservation and conversion of the plant material to peat. Later a large influx of sediment buried the peat initiating the changes that ultimately produce coal. Conversion to coal proceeded over a period of time as depth of burial increased. The cumulative effects of burial depth and time determined the coal rank. Circulating groundwater precipitated additional impurities in coal fractures during burial including pyrite, sphalerite, calcite, quartz, and clay.

Horne et al. (1978) suggested a model for depositional environments of coal in fluvial-deltaic settings based on extensive studies of drill hole data and outcrops in the eastern United States. Figure 5, adapted from that work, illustrates the type of setting which may have produced many of the Cherokee Group coals. Note the lenticular coal beds which are limited in extent by channels filled with clastic sediments (mud, silt, and sand). The small embayments between the channels would allow the development of small amounts of

AREA INFLUENCED BY MARINE TO BRACKISH WATER

AREA INFLUENCED BY FRESH WATER

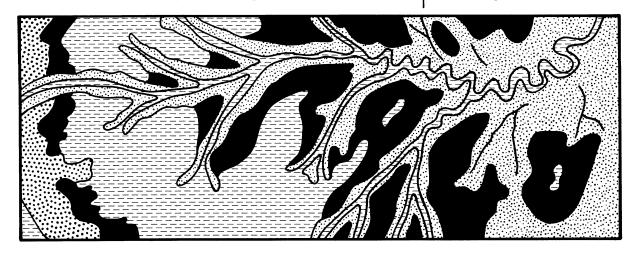




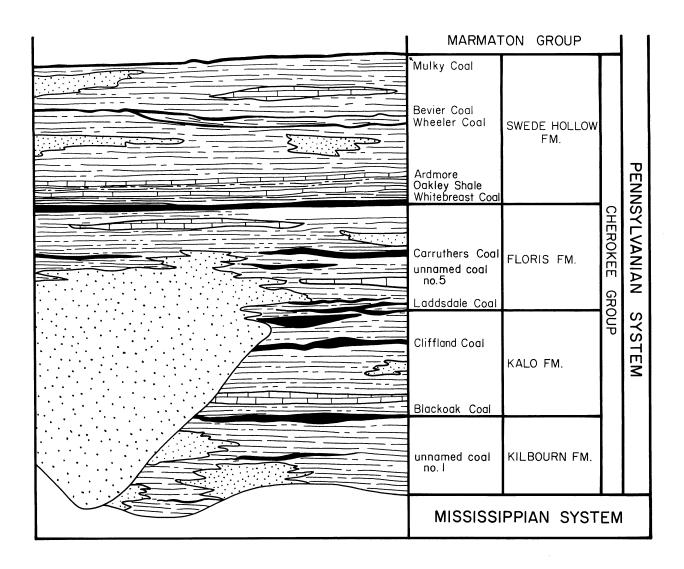
Figure 5. Depositional model of a peat-forming environment on a river delta in a coastal region. Sediments are predominantly nonmarine clastics, although small deposits of impure marine limestone may form in areas away from stream mouths (after Horne et al., 1978). Iowa coal deposits formed in similar environments.

marginal marine grading to marine sediments. Evidence of marine deposition in the Des Moines area is preserved as fossiliferous shales and limestone in outcrop and other subsurface.

STRATIGRAPHY OF THE DES MOINES AREA PENNSYLVANIAN STRATA

Comparisons of the descriptions in Hinds (1908), Bain (1896), and Keyes (1894) with recently obtained geologic and palynologic evidence suggest possible equivalences between the informal designations used in the past and currently accepted stratigraphic nomenclature. All coal seams known to occur in the Des Moines area can be assigned to the Cherokee Group of the Pennsylvanian System (figure 6). In the Des Moines area, and over most of the Midcontinent

Region, the Cherokee Group consists predominantly of nonmarine shales, siltstones, and sandstones interbedded with coal seams and thin, discontinuous marine shales and limestones. The marine strata form a progressively larger, although still minor, component of the Cherokee Group strata from base to top. The coals typically become thinner upward and also become more persistent laterally and more uniform both in thickness and quality. Marmaton Group strata, which overlie the Cherokee Group, have been identified in western Polk County. These younger strata include a larger marine component than the Cherokee Group and elsewhere in Iowa include significant coal resources (the Mystic Coal). No significant reserves of this coal have been identified in Polk County. Ravn et al. (1984) and Ravn (1986) provided detailed discussions of Pennsylvanian stratigraphy and geology in Iowa. Swade (1985) discussed the geology and depositional environments of upper



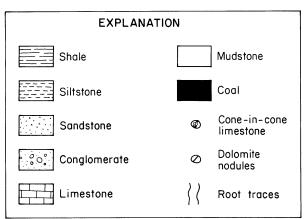


Figure 6. Generalized stratigraphic section of the Cherokee Group in Iowa. Laddsdale, Cliffland, Blackoak coals were mined in the study area. The complexity of the Cherokee Group strata cannot be adequately shown at this scale.

Cherokee and Marmaton for more details on Pennsylvanian geology of the Group strata. The reader is referred to these works state.

A series of cores were drilled in southeast Des Moines to investigate mine subsidence which occurred in 1978 and 1979 (Avcin, 1978, 1979). The geologic descriptions from these cores were combined to produce the composite geologic section for the study area shown in figure 7. Palynological analysis of coals obtained from these cores was used to assign current stratigraphic designations to the coal beds (Ravn, pers. comm., 1987). The "first vein" is probably equivalent to the coal which has now been identified as Laddsdale. Little coal was produced from this seam within the Des Moines area. It was probably much more productive immediately to the southeast in Marion and Warren counties. The mines in the area where the cores were drilled were believed to have operated in the "second vein" and "third vein" (Avcin, 1978, 1979). The "second vein" is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal and the "third vein" is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal. Based on this analysis, the major coal-producing seams in the Des Moines area were the Cliffland and Blackoak. The coal seam shown below the Blackoak seam in figure 7 is tentatively correlated with the unnamed coal beds of the Kilbourn Formation. Thin coal seams, also assumed to correlate with the unnamed coal beds in the Kilbourn Formation, were noted elsewhere in Des Moines below the "third vein" by Hinds (1908), Bain (1896), and Keyes (1894). These beds apparently did not reach mineable thickness within the area and therefore were not included in the informal stratigraphic designations of the time.

Palynological data are sparse outside of southeast Des Moines making area-wide correlations difficult. Lithologic correlations are problematic at best, but the available data suggest that the equivalencies between the old, informal nomenclature and current stratigraphic nomenclature determined for the southeast Des Moines remain valid over the rest of the study area. Research on regional coal stratigraphy in central Iowa suggests that the Cliffland and Blackoak coals were the most likely to have reached mineable thicknesses, with the Laddsdale reaching mineable thickness locally (Geological Survey Bureau, Iowa Department of Natural Resouces, unpub. files).

GEOLOGY OF THE NORTH DES MOINES DISTRICT

A portion of the North Des Moines District (as it was called ca. 1900) provides an interesting illustration of the relationship between the distribution of coal mines and ancient depositional environments. This area, shown in figure 8, is located along the Des Moines River and Harding Road and extends south from Interstate 80 to about 1/2 mile south of Hickman Road. The outlined mines were all in the "third vein" (probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal) and are well documented by maps and descriptions. The triangles indicate mines which could be located but not outlined, since no mine maps are known to exist for them.

Notations on mine maps and descriptions of the mines for the area were used to map the original areal extent of workable coal (figure 8). Hinds (1908) described features which limited the extent of the coal as "faults" and identified them as two distinct types of channels. Contemporaneous channels (i.e., those which existed at the same time peat deposition occurred) were the most common and are marked by rapid thinning of the coal from several feet to a few inches where it pinches out against the edge of the channel deposit. The coal is commonly interbedded with clastic rocks (e.g. sandstone, shale) at the thinned edges suggesting overbank or crevasse splay deposits. In this situation the extent of the mine would be limited by the original depositional extent of the peat body. Post-depositional erosional channels (i.e., those which formed after peat deposition ended) which cut out the coal seam are less common. The channel cut-outs are also filled with clastic sediments, but the coal seam terminates abruptly against the channel-filling deposits without any change in thickness. The channel-filling sediment in this case is likely to include fragments of coal and other strata older than the channel. Hinds (1908) believed these to be at least pre-Pleistocene, and possibly as early as Pennsylvanian, in age.

Mine maps and descriptions include numerous references to channels which limit the extent of workable coal (figure 8). The eastern edge of the Flint Brick Company Shaft No. 2 and No. 3, the southern margins of the Madison Coal Company and Eagle No. 2 mines, and the northeastern

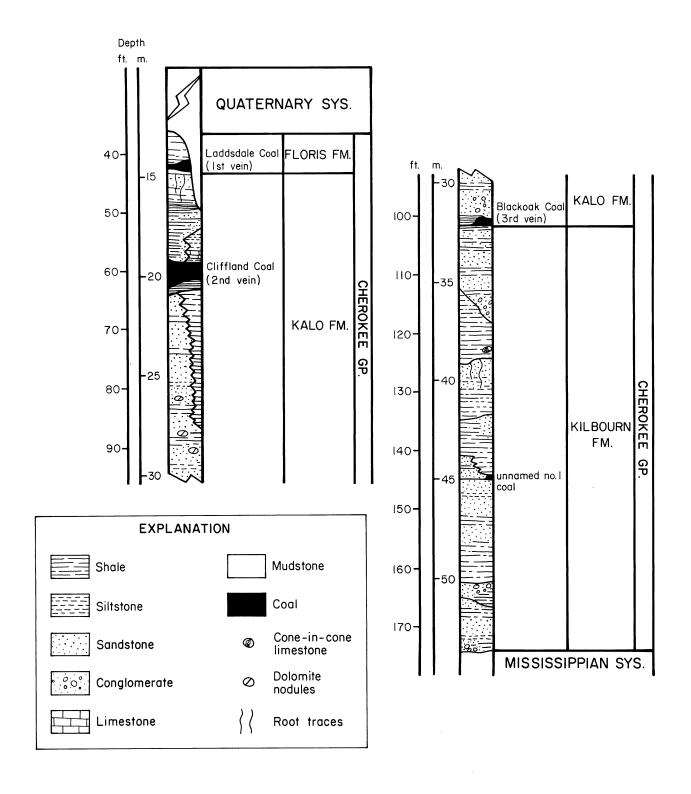


Figure 7. Composite geologic section prepared from cores drilled in southeast Des Moines. Informal stratigraphic designation used by Hinds (1908), Bain (1892), and Keyes (1894) are in brackets following the current coal bed names. The Cliffland Coal was mined in the area where the cores were drilled.

margin of the O.K. Coal Company mine were limited by thinning of the coal seam. The thinning probably occurred adjacent to a contemporaneous stream channel. Erosional channel cut-outs are described between the West Riverside and Flint Brick No. 2 and No. 3 mines and across the Blount and Evans mine and east of the Eagle No. 2 mine. Hinds (1908) suggested that these might be portions of a continuous channel and described it as 400 to 500 feet wide and filled with sandstone, "slate," and "fireclay" based on exposures in the haulageway across it in the Blount and Evans mine. The West Riverside mine also has a haulageway across the channel.

Additional channels were inferred from indirect evidence (figure 8). Maps of the American Coal Company and Eagle No. 2 mines note rapid thinning of the coal along their southern limits. The thinning of the coal appears to represent the edge of a contemporaneous channel. Long haulageways with no attached rooms may represent an attempt to cross a "fault" in the hope of reaching mineable coal on the other side (e.g., the West Riverside Mine). This pattern of mine development is seen on the southwest side of the Bloomfield No. 2 mine where a channel has been described (Hinds, 1908). A "fault" or channel is inferred between the Blount and Evans Mine and the Flint Brick No. 1 mine where a similar pattern is visible.

Figure 8 shows the positions of the channels as pairs of lines if both sides of the feature could be located or as a single line if only one side could be located. The locations of the channels were then used to delineate the possible extents of the bodies of coal in the area, shown as stippled areas. Thus, figure 8 is a geologic map assembled from historic records of coal mining using a current model of depositional processes in a coal-producing environment. The resemblance to the sketch in figure 5 is striking, suggesting that deposition occurred in similar environments by similar processes.

GEOLOGY OF SURFICIAL MATERIALS

Pleistocene-age sediments, overlying the Pennsylvanian-age rocks, comprise the surficial materials in the study area. They consist predominantly of glacial till and loess, and alluvium which range from a few feet to nearly 300 feet in total thickness. The till is typically somewhat sandy and includes lenses of gravel locally at the contact with the underlying Pennsylvanian-age rock.

Characteristic of the Pleistocene deposits are a number of large river-channel systems which resemble those of the Pennsylvanian. These channels also probably account for the greatest thickness of Pleistocene deposits in some areas. Although these channels developed long after coal formation was complete, they restrict the distribution and extents of coal mines in the study area. The channels locally cut out the coal or leave it too weathered near the channel edge to be usable. For example, the Beaver Channel is mapped by GSB (Bettis, pers. comm., 1989) in northeast Des Moines. The Des Moines Coal Co. Marquisville Mine (#11, Plate I), Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 3 (#18), and Western Coal Co. (#29) lie northeast of the northwest-southeast trending channel and were apparently prevented from further development to the southwest by this feature.

Physical characteristics of the Pleistocene-age materials, such as permeability and structural competence, affected the coal mines during their operation and influence the effects of the mined-out areas on the land surface. For example, localized gravel deposits probably contributed to flooding problems which some of the mines experienced. Coal mines with thin roof rock overlain by thick Pleistocene deposits were more prone to roof collapses and required more roof support to be operated safely. Following mining, these same characteristics probably contribute to subsidence problems. Avcin (1979) noted an episode of subsidence which was probably exacerbated by water-saturated gravel lenses at the contact between Pleistocene and Pennsylvanian strata.

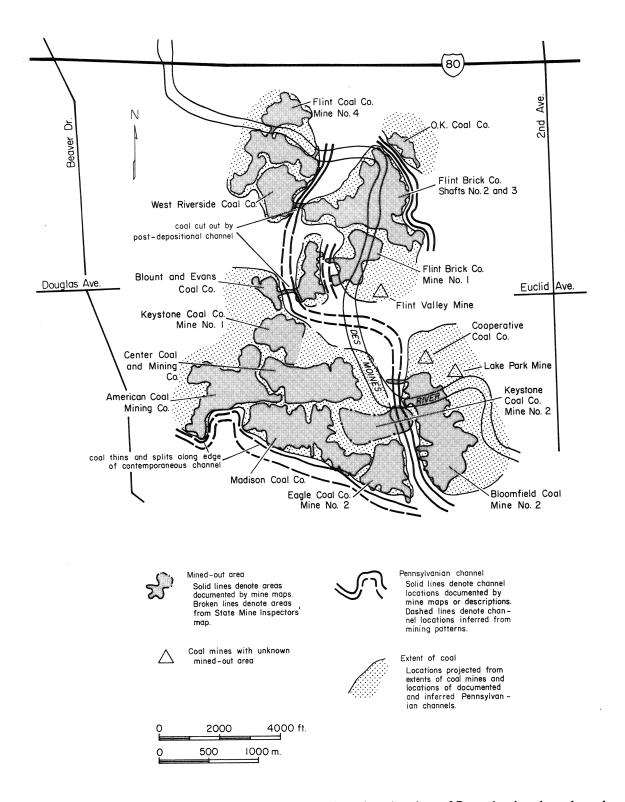


Figure 8. Map of the North Des Moines District showing mines, locations of Pennsylvanian channels, and probable limits of coal deposits. Some major streets are shown for geographic reference. The distribution of coal and documented and inferred channels suggest deposition in an environment like that proposed for the depositional model in figure 5.

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GLOSSARY OF GEOLOGIC AND MINING TERMINOLOGY

Alluvium, alluvial--general term for detrital deposits made by streams; process of deposition by streams.

Base level--lowest potential level of erosion. This is the lowest elevation which a stream may reach. As a stream approaches this level its rate of flow and hence erosive and sediment-carrying power decrease.

Basin--circular or elliptical sediment-filled depression in the earth's crust characteristic of continental interiors.

Bowlder--(var. of boulder) in coal mining, a mass of rock within a coal seam typically composed of partly decomposed peat which has been permineralized or impregnated with calcite and some pyrite. Fragments of plants are visible in some of these.

Brackish--water whose salinity is intermediate between seawater and streams.

Clastic--refers to particulate sediment without reference to particle size or origin (e.g. quartz sand, clay, etc.)

Consolidated--loose earth materials which have become firm and coherent.

Cretaceous--the span of geologic time from 135 to 65 million years ago and the rocks deposited during that time.

Crevasse splay--a deposit of sediment which forms when a stream breaches its levee due to flooding.

Delta, deltaic--accumulation of sediment at a river mouth, or referring to the delta or processes related to delta formation. Deltas may form wherever a stream empties into another body of water.

Dip--the angle, measured from horizontal, of rock strata which may be described on a regional or local scale.

Eustatic--pertaining to worldwide sea-level changes that affect all oceans, believed to be caused by addition or removal of water from continental icecaps.

Fault--a fracture in rock strata along which there has been displacement ranging from inches to miles.

Fault--(miner's term; see Bowlder) any defect in the coal seam which hinders mining. Faults, in this sense may include actual structural faults (see previous definition), folds, bowlders, channel cut-outs, etc.

Fireclay--(var. of underclay) clay found below coal seams. Fireclays are refractory (ceramic), underclays are not necessarily so.

Fluvial--pertaining to rivers or geologic processes related to rivers.

Fold--bend in rock strata produced by deformation of rock strata.

Formation--a subdivision used in classifying rock units by their composition, characterized by some degree of compositional homogeneity.

Group--a subdivision used in classifying rock units by their composition, i.e., a rock-stratigraphic unit, made up of two or more formations.

Holocene--the period of geologic time from approximately 8,000 years ago to the present. The Holocene is classified as a Stage within the Pleistocene Series in Iowa.

Horse "gin"--a machine powered by draft horses or mules, commonly used to power the hoisting gear in a coal mine.

Lithology--the description of the physical characteristics of a rock.

Loess--wind-deposited silt derived from Pleistocene river valleys.

Marginal marine--refers to deposits or processes which occur at the shoreline or in shallow water near the shore. Conditions such as salinity and temperature are variable and influenced by open ocean and on-shore processes.

Marine--refers to open ocean, with normal salinity, stable temperature, and oxygenation.

Member--stratigraphic subdivision of group, see stratigraphy.

Mississippian--a period of geologic time spanning the interval from 345 to 320 million years ago and the rocks which formed within this time. Mississippian is at the System level in the stratigraphic classification.

Nonconsolidated--any loose earth materials.

Nonmarine--refers to deposits or processes which occur in fresh water bodies such as streams or lakes.

Overbank deposit--fine-grained sediment deposited from suspension on a flood plain by floodwaters that cannot be contained within the stream channel.

Overburden--consolidated or nonconsolidated material which overlies a coal seam.

Palynology, palynostratigraphy--study of fossil spores and pollen and their use in determining correlation and subdivision of lithologic units.

Pennsylvanian--a period of geologic time thought to have covered the span of time from 280 to 320 million years ago. Also refers to the rocks formed during this period. The Pennsylvanian is at System level in the stratigraphic classification.

Pleistocene--the period of geologic time ranging from two to three million years to eight thousand years ago and the deposits formed during this period. The Pleistocene occupies the rank of Series within the Quaternary System. Several periods of continental glaciation during the Pleistocene prompted the informal name "ice age" for this period of time.

Quaternary--the period of geologic time

spanning two to three million years ago to the present time and the rocks and nonconsolidated deposited formed during that time. The Quaternary is at the rank of System in the stratigraphic classification in use in Iowa.

Rank--measure of the thermal maturation or degree of metamorphism of coal.

Series--see stratigraphy.

Shipping mine--a coal mine with railroad connections, usually a spur or siding. Shipping mines usually produced more coal than those which produced coal for local markets.

Strata--layers of rock.

Stratigraphy--the study of the arrangement of rock strata, especially geographic position and chronological order of sequence. A hierarchical system of nomenclature is used to describe rock strata. Rock stratigraphic classifications are based on similarities in physical characteristics of the rock layers. Rock stratigraphic terms used in this report are (in ascending order) bed, member, formation, group, supergroup, series, and system. Time stratigraphic classifications are based on time indicators, such as fossils, found in the rocks. Time stratigrahic terms, in ascending order, are era, period, system, series, stage, age, and epoch. The rock stratigraphic terms system and series are approximately equivalent to the time stratigraphic terms period and epoch, respectively.

Subsidence--sinking of land surface, in the context of this report, caused by collapse into an underlying opening such as a mine.

System--see stratigraphy.

Till--unsorted and unstratified mixture of clay, sand, gravel, and boulders deposited directly by a glacier.

Unconformity--a break in the orderly chronological succession of rock strata. An unconformity represents a period of erosion or non-deposition and delimits stratigraphic units.

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APPENDIX I.

List of Mines

Appendix I lists the mines shown on Plate I. It is arranged in order by map number. The list of mine names for each site includes all known names used for a mine and the years of operation under that name. They are arranged in chronological order with the most recent listed first. This years-of-operation column is blank where this information is not available.

Entries in the "Map Date" column indicate the availability of mine maps. A year or "unkn" is entered if a mine map is available. The year indicates the date of last revision of the mine map. If this couldn't be determined "unkn" appears in this column. "None" appears in the "Map Date" column if no mine map is available. Outlines on Plate I for some of these unmapped mines were obtained from sources other than mine maps. For these mines, the source is noted in the Comments section.

The list of mine names given in Appendix I is arranged in Appendix II in alphabetical order with the corresponding map number and dates of operation. It is intended to be a cross-reference to Appendix I so that a mine may be located by name.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 1

1903-1917

1917

1 LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SE NE 16 T80N R23W

V Des Moines NE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

607

vertical/r & p

212 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 1:

This mine was opened by the Des Moines Coal and Mining Co. in 1903. It was connected underground to the Enterprise Mine No. 2 and mined the "2nd vein" which

is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2

. 2 1907-1917 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: 1917

LOCATION: NE NW SE 21 T80N R23W

Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: 406

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH: 210 ft.

vertical/r & p

COMMENTS FOR MINE Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2:

The Des Moines Coal and Mining Co. opened this mine in 1907. It was connected underground to the Enterprise Mine No. 1 and mined the "2nd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal. The map for this mine includes some geological information.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Wright Coal Co.

1910-1924

MAP DATE 1924

3 LO

LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

Des Moines NE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

708

vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Wright Coal Co.:

SW SE NE 25 T80N R24W

This mine operated in the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Anderson Coal Co. LOCATION:

1907-

none

CATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: NE 25 T80N R24W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

vertical/unknown

285 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Anderson Coal Co.:

No map is available for this mine so the exact extent is unknown. The extent which is shown was obtained from maps maintained by the State Mine Inspectors' Office. The mining company had 700 acres leased and this was a shipping mine suggesting that a large area may have been undermined by it. Four coal seams ranging from 6 to 18 in. thick were described above the seam which was mined.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 8 1922-1943 1942

5 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW SW 27 T80N R25W Grimes

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

770 vertical/r & p 210 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 8:

Coal thicknesses in the vicinity range from 1 to 3 ft. at elevations ranging from 660 to

690 ft. The "vein" mined was not recorded.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Saylor Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1906-1928 1928

6 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW SW 36 T80N R24W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 872 vertical/r & p 232 ft.

872 vertical/r & p COMMENTS FOR MINE Saylor Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

The map shows old works west of this mine which may be part of this mine or part of the Saylor No. 1 Mine. This mine operated in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 5 1914-1920 1920

7 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SE SW 5 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

230 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 5:

The workings of this mine overlap those of the Norwood-White Mine No. 4 indicating that mining occurred on more then one level at this site. This mine operated in the "2nd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

 PLATE I:
 Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 4
 1911-1918
 1918

 8
 Delaware Coal Co.
 1906-1911
 unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW SW SW 5 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

490 vertical/r & p 170 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 4:

Another coal seam, with poor roof rock, was identified 18 ft. above the coal seam worked in this mine. The coal was correlated with the fourth seam found in the Swanwood Mine shaft and with one of the seams mined at Marquisville. The coal was correlated with the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. This was a shipping mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine 1914-1927 1927

9 Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine 1906- 1927

Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine - 1927

Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	1927
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	1914-1922	1922
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	unkn
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	1914
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	unkn
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	unkn
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	-	unkn

LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SW SW 1 T79N R24W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: 383

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

vertical/lw & r&p 271 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine:

The mine map is in several sections which were combined. Maps of this mine indicate that it was worked on two levels. A slope existed from the upper to the lower vein. The upper, "2nd vein" (Cliffland Coal), was 4 to 4.5 ft. thick at a depth of 271 ft. The lower, "3rd vein" (Blackoak Coal) was 4 to 5 ft. thick at a depth of 286 ft. The slope between the levels was located in the NW, SW, SW, Sec. 1, T79N, R24W. This mine may have also been known as the Marquisville Mine. Additional mine workings labelled Marquisville Mine 3rd Vein and Saylor Coal Co. Mine No. 1 are shown on the map.

NO. ON PLATE I:

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE 10 Western Coal Co. Saylor Mine

1898-1910

1927

Saylor Coal Co. Mine No.1

-1898 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: none

NW SW 11 T79N R24W

Des Moines NE

ACREAGE:

506

LOCATION:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

90

vertical/r & p

216 ft.

180 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Western Coal Co. Saylor Mine:

The extent of this mine is from two sources. The eastern part is from a mine map and the western part is from the State Mines Inspectors' maps. Part of the pillars were removed in 1908. A partial outline is shown on the Bloomfield Coal Co. map (#9).

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:	
PLATE I:	Des Moines Coal Co. Marquis	sville Mine 1894-1907	1907	
11	Des Moines Coal Co. Marquis	Des Moines Coal Co. Marquisville Mine -		
	Des Moines Coal Co. Marquis	sville Mine -	1907	
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:		
	NW SE NW NW 13 T79N R	24W Des Moines NE		
	ACREAGE:	ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:	

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Coal Co. Marquisville Mine:

The map for this mine is in sections which were combined for Plate I. This mine underlies the county home. It operated in the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal.

vertical/r & p

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

Swanwood Coal Co. PLATE I: 1908-1910 1918

12 **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: LOCATION:**

> SE SE 12 T79N R24W Des Moines NE

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 43 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Swanwood Coal Co.:

A partial extent only was available for the Swanwood Mine. It is shown on the Norwood-White No. 4 map. The Swanwood shaft section shows that the mine worked the fourth seam from the surface. This seam was correlated with the "3rd vein" in the

terminology in use at the time. It probably mined the Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

Norwood Coal and Mining Co. No.1 PLATE I: 1901-1903 none

Evans Brothers Coal Co. 13 none

> LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

8 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood Coal and Mining Co. No.1:

No map is available for this mine. It was located six miles northeast of Des Moines on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The location was obtained from IGS Annual

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ACREAGE:

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Altoona Mine none

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: 14 LOCATION:

SE 13 T79N R23W Altoona

> ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

unkn slope/unknown 215 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Altoona Mine:

The only know year of operation for this mine is 1894. Its extent was obtained from the

State Mine Inspectors' maps.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Interurban Coal Co. 1919-1920 1920

15 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SE NE SE SE 16 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

> ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH:

vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Interurban Coal Co.:

This mine may have also been known as Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co., Interurban

Mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1908-1912 1912

16 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SW SE NW 17 T79N R23W Des Moines NE **ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH:

103 vertical/r & p 169 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

The coal seam at this mine was said to have been the same as the coal at the Norwood-White Mine No. 1. which was correlated with the "3rd vein" or Blackoak

Coal. The coal ranged from 2 to 5 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:**

Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 1 PLATE I: 1908-1911 1911

17 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE SE 18 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

vertical/r & p 215 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

This mine undermines a section of Interstate Highway 80. It was also known as the Klondike Mine No. 1. The coal seam was undulatory, but continuous for a mile north of the main shaft. To the east it was cut out by an erosion channel. It was correlated with the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 3 1919-1926 1926

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 18

SE SE 12 T79N R24W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

400 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 3:

This map represents a final survey, however portions of the map have been lost. This mine operated in the "3rd vein" or probable Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: Rider Cooperative Coal Co. PLATE I: 1931-1939 1937 Rider Cooperative Coal Co. 19 1937 Rider Cooperative Coal Co. 1936 Rider Cooperative Coal Co. 1933 Rider Cooperative Coal Co. 1933 Rider-Heim Coal Co. 1929-1931 none Gibson Coal Co. (Mine No.1) 1925-1929 none Sayer Coal Co. none

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NW NW NE 21 T79N R25W Grimes

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** 212 vertical/r & p 365 ft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:**

Jonkers Mine PLATE I:

unkn 20 LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: NW SW NE 21 T79N R25W Grimes

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

10 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Jonkers Mine

Available geologic data for this area indicated that the coal is variable in thickness ranging from 3.5 to 6.6 ft. at elevation ranging from 612 to 655 ft.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Merle Hay Coal Co.	1942-1947	1947
21	Beck Coal Co. Mine	1940-1942	1947
	Beck Coal Co. Mine	-	1941
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1938
	Beck Brothers Coal Co.	1937-1940	none
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1937
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1937
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1936
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1936
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1931
	Beck Coal Co.	-	1924
	I OCATION:	TOPOCPADHIC MAD	

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NE NE 24 T79N R25W Des Moines NW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 90 vertical/r & p 200 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Merle Hay Coal Co.:

This mine was also known as Beck Coal and Mining. Longwall and room and pillar methods were used in this mine. This was one of the last three mines to operate in Polk Co.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Flint Coal Co. Mine No. 4	1927-1928	1928
22	Flint Coal Co. Mine No. 4	1920-1927	1927
	Flint Coal Co. Mine No. 4	-	1926
	Liberty Coal and Mining Co.	-	1920
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	

NE NW NW 21 T79N R24W Des Moines NW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	West Riverside Coal Co.	1894-1911	1911
23	West Riverside Coal Co.	-	1911

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NW NE SW 21 T79N R24W Des Moines NW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 60 vertical/r & p 160 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE West Riverside Coal Co.:

This mine had a second hoisting shaft which was 145 ft. deep. Fifty feet from the surface was a 15 in. coal and midway between it and the mined seam was a 1 ft. coal. The mined coal was correlated with the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. This mine may

have also been known as the Riverside Coal Co. The mine map shows other mined areas labelled "Old Oak Park workings" and "Old Flint workings".

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Blount and Evans Coal Co.	1908-1913	1913
24	Blount and Evans Coal Co.	•	1912
	Blount and Evans Coal Co.	•	1912
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	NE NW NE NW 28 T79N R24V	W Des Moines NW	
	ACREAGE: EI	NTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	45	vertical/r & p	135 ft.
	COMMENTE FOR MINE DI	et and Franc Coal Co	

COMMENTS FOR MINE Blount and Evans Coal Co.
The mine map (1913) shows old works for Keystone Mine No. 1 and Flint Brick Coal
Co. This mine operated in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. The "2nd vein" or

Cliffland Coal was noted approximately 110 ft. from the surface.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Flint Brick Co. Mine No. 1	1894-1901	unkn
25	Flint Brick Co. Mine No.1	-	unkn
	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shaft No. 1	-	unkn
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SW NE SE SE 21 T79N R24W	Des Moines NW	
	ACREAGE: EN	TRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	40	vertical/r & p	122 ft.
	COMMENTS FOR MINE Flint I	Brick Co. Mine No. 1:	

Three thin coal seams occurred above the mined seam which was correlated with the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
26	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
	Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No.	2 and 3 -	unkn
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SE SE NE SE 21 T79N R24	W Des Moines NW	
	ACREAGE:	ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	104	vertical/r & p	180 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No. 2 and 3:

The Flint Brick Co. mine, also known as the Oak Park Mine, used shafts no. 2 and no. 3. The mine maps show a connection with the Flint Brick No. 1 mine. The coal from this mine was used in the company brick kilns or sold locally. The mine is bordered on the east and west by apparent erosion channels which intersected just north of the mine. The result was that the coal was limited to the area south of the intersection of the channels. The "3rd vein" was mined which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal of current nomenclature.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

1906 PLATE I: O. K. Coal Co. 1903-1906

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 27

> NE NE 21 T79N R24W Des Moines NW

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

20 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE O. K. Coal Co.:

The map for this mine indicates an erosion channel between the Flint Brick Co. Mine and the O. K. mine. This mine also operated in the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal. The coal was 3.5 ft, thick. This mine was flooded in 1906.

YEARS OF OPERATION: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): MAP DATE:

Highland Park Mine PLATE I: none

28 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NE NE 27 T79N R24W Des Moines NE

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE:

unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Highland Park Mine:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps maintained by the State

Mine Inspectors' Office. No mine map is available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Western Coal Co. 1896-1902 1896

29 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SW NE SE NE 24 T79N R24W Des Moines NE

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE:

3 vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON YEARS OF OPERATION: MINE NAME(S): MAP DATE:

Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 6 PLATE I: 1919-1924 1924

30 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SE SE NW NE 19 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

> SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:**

vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 6:

Maps indicate that two coal seams may have been mined, referred to at this mine as the "top vein" and the "Swanwood Vein". The Swanwood probably correlated with what was known as the "3rd vein" elsewhere in the Des Moines area. In current nomenclature the Swanwood vein probably can be referred to the Blackoak Coal and the "top vein" to the Cliffland Coal. The map shows drill hole data and partial mine extent labelled "No. 1" which probably refers to the Norwood-White No. 1 mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** Gibson Coal Co. Mine No. 4 1909 PLATE I: 1903-1909

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 31 **SW NE 23 T79N R23W** Altoona

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

105 vertical/r & p 190 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Gibson Coal Co. Mine No. 4

No location references or scale were given on the mine map. The location was obtained from published descriptions of the mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

 PLATE I:
 Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 1
 1906-1917
 1915

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 Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 1
 1913

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NW SE 28 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

275 vertical/r & p 168 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

The coal seam was slightly undulatory in this mine. An overlying seam was found to be too thin to mine. The coal mined by the Maple Block mine was confined to an elongated northeast to southwest trending basin. The coal thinned and split west of the shaft. It was correlated with the "3rd vein" which is probably the Blackoak Coal in currently accepted nomenclature. A portion of the 1913 map has been lost.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1905-1922 1917

33 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE SE NE 29 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

65 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

This mine was located 2 blocks south of Highway 6 near Four Mile Creek. This mine may have operated in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. The map shows partial old works of the Maple Block No. 1 mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Union Mine - none

34 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SW 30 T79N R23W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Union Mine:

This mine may have operated as one of the Great Western mines. No map is available

for it and the location is uncertain.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 2 1891-1903 unkn
35 Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 2 - unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE NW 30 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

46 vertical/r & p 105 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 2:

The mine shaft was located near the present Interstate 235 interchange with Douglas Avenue. The map for this mine is in two sections.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 1 1891-1903 unkn
36 Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 1 - unkn
Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 1 - unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SW 30 T79N R23W Des Moines NE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

28 vertical/r & p 105 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 1

The mine map shows the Maple Grove No. 2 shaft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

 PLATE I:
 Eagle Mine No. 3
 1910-1919
 1919

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 Eagle Mine No. 3
 1917

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE SW 26 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

83 vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Lake Park Mine 1895- none

38 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SW 27 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Lake Park Mine:

The Lake Park mine may have also been known as the Lake Forest or the Lake Front

mine. No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Cooperative Coal Co. 1901-1903 none

39 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW 27 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Cooperative Coal Co.:

No map was available for this mine. The location was described as 3.5 miles north of Des Moines on the Des Moines Street Railroad. It was probably a room & pillar mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Flint Valley Mine - none

40 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE 28 T79N R24W Des Moines NW

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

unknown/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Flint Valley Mine:

This mine was located very near the Flint Brick Coal Company and may have been

part of the same operation. No map is available.

SE 28 T79N R24W

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 2

1894-1908 **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** none

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LOCATION:

Des Moines NW

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

unknown/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

No map is available for this mine. The location and extent are from maps prepared by

the State Mine Inspectors' office. This mine probably mined the "3rd vein" or

Blackoak Coal. This was the same coal mined in adjacent mines.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Center Coal and Mining Co.

1903-1908

1908

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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

LOCATION: SW NE SW 28 T79N R24W

Des Moines SW

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

80

vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Center Coal and Mining Co.:

This mine operated in the "3rd vein" which can probably be assigned to the Blackoak

Coal of current nomenclature.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I: 43

Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 1 LOCATION:

1894-1908

1902

SE SW NW 28 T79N R24W

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: Des Moines NW

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

40

vertical/r & p

142 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

The map for this mine is incomplete showing only a partial outline for the mine. This

mine was in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal of current nomenclature.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I: 44

American Coal Mining Co. American Coal Mining Co. American Coal Mining Co.

1912-1919

1919 1919 1917

LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW NE SE 29 T79N R24W

Des Moines SW

SHAFT DEPTH:

ACREAGE: 90

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE American Coal Mining Co.:

The "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal was mined at this site. The name of the Blount & Evans Coal Co. appears on the back of one of the

maps for this mine suggesting that the mines may have been associated. Portions of Keystone and Center mines are also shown.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6		1947
45	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1942
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1941
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1941
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1939
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1938
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1937
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1936
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1936
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	-	1935
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	•	1934
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1933
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	•	1932
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	•	1931
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SE NW NE 26 T79N R25W	Des Moines NW	
	ACREAGE: ENTR	ANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	263	vertical/lw & r&p	225 ft.
	COMMENTS FOR MINE Central S	Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6:	
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6 LOCATION: SE NW NE 26 T79N R25W ACREAGE: ENTR	Des Moines NW RANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: vertical/lw & r&p	1941 1939 1938 1937 1936 1936 1935 1934 1933 1932 1931

This was the last underground mine to operate in Polk Co. The Blackoak Coal was mined. The 1947 map shows abandoned works of the Urbandale mine.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Urbandale Coal Co.	1920-1942	1942
46	Urbandale Coal Co.	-	1941
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SW SE 26 T79N R25	W Des Moines SW	
	ACREAGE: E	NTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	122	vertical/r & p	180 ft.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Madison Coal Co.	1908-1916	1916
47	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	NW SF SW 33 T70N D24W	Dec Moines SW	

NW SE SW 33 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 112 vertical/r & p 165 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Madison Coal Co.:

This mine was in the same coal seam as the Blount and Evans mine, probably the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. The coal seam thinned rapidly toward the south and was undulatory at this site with as much as a 4 ft. vertical distance between the troughs and crests. Several thin seams were present above the mine. Attempts to mine one of them showed it was too variable in thickness to be economically producible.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

 PLATE I:
 Eagle Coal Co. Mine No. 2
 1908-1915
 1915

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 Eagle Coal Co. Mine No. 2
 1915

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NE NE 33 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

45 vertical/r & p 170 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Eagle Coal Co. Mine No. 2

The "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal was mine. It varied from 4.0 to 7.0 ft. thick. Also described are the "1st vein" or Laddsdale Coal 69 ft. below the surface and the "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal 149 ft. below the surface.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1896-1905 1905

49 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:
SW 27 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

SW 27 T79N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

vertical/r & p 102 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

The "3rd vein", which is believed to be equivalent to the Blackoak Coal, was mined here. No location references were given on the map. It was located by comparing streets shown on the mine map with present-day streets.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Des Moines Coal Co. 1865-1873 none

50 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW 35 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Coal Co.:

The first commercial mine in the Des Moines area, opened by Wesley Redhead. No

map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Dahl Mine - none

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

51 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: 35 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Dahl Mine:

Located 1.5 mi. north of the Watson Mine on the Des Moines River at "Thompson's

Bend." No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Miller Mine 1882-1883 none

52 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SW 25 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

unknown/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Miller Mine:

This mine operated for only eight months. The only known map is for the land leased for this mine; no mine map is available.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 2

1896-

none

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LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

ACREAGE:

AW Des Moines SE
ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

vertical/r & p

107 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

NW 36 T79N R24W

This mine was also known as Eureka Coal & Mining. The shaft was located 2.5 mi. north of the State Capitol building. Two coal seams are described from the mine shaft. The first averaged 4.5 ft. thick at 54 ft. below the surface and the second was 3.5 ft. thick at 71 ft. below the surface. The coal which was mined was probably the "3rd vein" or Blackoak. It was known to thicken and dip toward the east from this site. No map is available for this mine; the only known extent was for the leased area.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

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Diamond Mine

-1884

none

LOCATION: SE NW 36 T79N R24W TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

unknown/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Diamond Mine:

The only known location and extent for this mine is from a lease block map. No mine map is available. A small area was mined out before the Eureka No. 2 opened.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I: 55

Atlas Mine

-

none

Atlas Mine Standard Coal Co.

none none

LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

ACREAGE:

NE 36 T79N R24W Des Moines SE ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

shaft/unknown

100 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Atlas Mine:

The Atlas Coal Co. formed in 1887 by reorganization of the Standard Coal Co. In 1887 the company employed 53 suggesting a large operation. No mine map is available; the only information known about the extent of the mine is from a lease block map. The mine worked two coal seams with the upper seam reached from the lower by a slope. Only a small block of coal was available in the upper seam and the lower seam thinned to the east.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Extra Mine 1884-

56 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

36 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Campfield Coal Co. -1895 none
57 Garver Mine - none

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW 36 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: unkn unknown/unknown 118 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Campfield Coal Co.:

The extent of this mine is unknown; the outline shown is for a block of land leased to

it. No mine map is available. The coal thickness varied from 4.0 to 6.0 ft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Standard Coal Co. - none

58 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE 36 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Standard Coal Co.:

The only known extent for this mine if for the block of leased land. No mine map is

available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 1 -1894 none

59 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SE 36 T79N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/r & p 125 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

The extent of this mine was available as a lease block only. No mine map is available. The mine was opened by Garver and Walters and was abandoned before 1908. A description of the mine shaft shows 4.0 ft. "1st vein" or Laddsdale Coal at 56 ft. depth, 4.5 ft. "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal at 79.5 ft. depth, and 6.0 ft. "3rd vein" or Blackoak

Coal at 118 ft. depth. The "3rd vein" was mined.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1901-1914 1913

60 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW SE SW 32 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

54 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2

Portions of this mine are also shown on the Economy No. 1, 2, and 3 maps.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 3 - none

61 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SE 32 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/r & p 110 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 3:

The only known operating date for this mine is 1908. It was located on the north side of the fairgrounds, but the exact location and extent are unknown since no map is available. By 1908 200 acres were leased but only 15 acres had been worked out. The 3.5 to 5.5 ft. coal seam was believed to be the "3rd vein" or Blackoak. It was correlated with the seam mined in the Giant Mine No.1.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Caleb Johns Mine - none

62 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW 32 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Caleb Johns Mine

No mine map is available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 1 - 1913

63 Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 1 - 1913

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW NE SE 33 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

234 vertical/r & p 110 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

The only known year of operation was 1908. A portion of the mine map has been lost so the outline shown is a partial extent only. The coal was at approximately the same elevation as the coal in the nearby Maple Block Mine and was probably the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. Another coal seam was known to occur about 20 ft. above the mined horizon. The coal was apparently absent in a northeast-southwest trending zone between the two mines. The company had leased 1,000 acres.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Four Mile Coal Co.	1928-1931	1931
64	Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. Mine No	o. 5 1922-1927	1931
	Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 5	-	1928
	Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. Mine No	0.5 -	1926
•	Sprague Coal Co.	-	1923
	Sprague Coal Co.	-	1923

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW NW 35 T79N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

104 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Four Mile Coal Co.:

The name Four Mile Coal Co. comes from a handwritten note on the Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. Mine No. 5 (1931) original map.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 3
Ferromagnetic stress of the stress of th

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SW SE 32 T79N R22W Rising Sun

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

278 vertical/r & p 220 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 3 This mine probably mined the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Carbon Mining Co. Mine No. 9

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW NW 3 T78N R23W Rising Sun

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

100 vertical/r & p 212 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Carbon Mining Co. Mine No. 9:

This mine may have been associated with the Norwood-White Coal Co. The coal mined was correlated with the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the currently used name Blackoak. The mine map shows old works labelled "Carbon No. 3 mine" to the west.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 3 1902-1908 1940 67 Carbondale Mine No. 3 - 1940

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NW 9 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

20 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 3:

This was a shipping mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

 PLATE I:
 Christy Coal Co. Mine No. 2
 1892-1901
 1901

 68
 Christy Coal Co. Mine No. 2
 1901

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW SE NE 5 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

210 vertical/r & p 115 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Christy Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

This mine probably operated in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal which averaged 4.0 ft. thick. A portion of the map is torn away so the outline shown represents on a partial extent of this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2 1895-1899 1899
69 Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2 - 1895

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE NE 5 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 80 vertical/r & p 105 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2:

This mine was located four miles east of the State Capitol and 1/4 mi. north of the Christy Coal Co. Mine No. 2 (#68). This mine was connected underground to the Economy Coal Co. No. 2 (#71) mine. The coal was the same as that mined by the Economy No. 2 (lower vein), probably the "3rd vein" or Blackoak. It averaged 4.5 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Ramsey Mine No. 2 - none

70 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE 5 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Ramsey Mine No. 2:

This mine was located just east of the fairgrounds. No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	1924-1935	1935
71	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	-	1935
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2 (lower	vein) -	1932
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2 (lower	vein) -	1932
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	-	1932
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	-	1931
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	-	1931
	Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2 (lower	vein) -	1927
	Economy Coal Co.	-	1922

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SE NE NW 5 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

The Economy No. 2 Mine mined two coal seams with a slope connecting the upper and lower levels. Many of the maps show only partial extents of the mine. The outline is a composite of several maps. The upper level was probably in the "2nd vein" or

Cliffland Coal and the lower level was probably in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. Old works of Glenwood Mine No. 2 are shown on the map (1909 -1911) to the west.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 2 - none

72 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE 2 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHA

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/unknown 145 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

The only known extent of this mine is from a lease block map. No mine map is

available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 3 1885-

73 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW 2 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 3:

The only known extent of this mine is from a lease block map. No mine map is

available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Caleb Johns Mine - none

74 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE 2 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Caleb Johns Mine:

No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Gibson Mine No. 3 1901-1903 none

75 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW 2 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Gibson Mine No. 3:

This mine was located at East 17th St. and Capitol Ave. No map is available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Watson Mine 1866-1876 none

76 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW 2 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 40 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Watson Mine:

This mine supplied coal for the railroad. No map is available.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Reese Mine

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

none

77 LOCATION:

Des Moines SE

SW SE SE 3 T78N R24W ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

slope/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Reese Mine:

No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Rawson Mine

78

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

none

LOCATION:

SW NE 4 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: unknown/unknown

SHAFT DEPTH: unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Rawson Mine: This mine was located at the corner of Sixth and School streets. The location and extent were obtained from maps maintained by the State Mine Inspectors' Office.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Iowa Central Mine

1896-

none

79

LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NW SW 4 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

vertical/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Iowa Central Mine:

This mine was located near School Street between 5th and 6th streets. The only known date of operation is 1896. No map is available.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I: 80

Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 5

1908-1918

1917 1917

Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 5 LOCATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SE SE 35 T79N R25W ACREAGE:

Des Moines SW **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:**

SHAFT DEPTH:

123

vertical/r & p

160 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 5:

Coal prospect holes in the area showed that the depth to the coal increased west of the shaft. It also indicated that three coal seams were present east of the shaft and that there may have been as many as four seams south of the shaft. The coal mined here averaged 4.0 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. 1917-1925 1925

81 West Side Coal Co. 1917-1925 unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NW NW 2 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

85 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co.

This mine was also known as the West Side Mine of the Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co.

The mine shows a portion of the Keystone No. 2 mine to the south.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Keystone Coal Co. Mine 1908-1922 1922

82 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:
NE NW 11 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

NE NW 11 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

195 vertical/r & p 165 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Keystone Coal Co. Mine:

Three coal seams were encountered in the Keystone shaft above the seam worked. They were: a 7 in. coal at 44 ft., a 3 ft. coal at 77 ft. and a 4 ft. 4 in. coal at 121 ft. below the surface. The coal mined was 147 ft. below the surface. It was restricted in extent, thinning to approximately 18 in. thick 1 mile west of the shaft. This was a shipping mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** PLATE I: Coaldale Fuel Co. 1904-1910 1912 83 Norwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1903-1904 unkn Norwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2 unkn Norwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2 unkn Norwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2 unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NW NE 13 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

180 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Coaldale Fuel Co.

This mine worked two levels. The lower coal ranged from 3.5 to 5.5 ft. and the upper coal averaged 5.2 ft. They were separated by 14 ft. They were probably the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal and the "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal, respectively.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Walnut Creek Coal Co. 1905-1910 unkn

84 Walnut Creek Coal Co. - unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW SW SE 12 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

4 vertical/r & p 150 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Walnut Creek Coal Co.:

This mine was located at South Greenwood Park. The coal thins toward the north and northeast. This mine was probably in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal which averaged

4.0 ft. thick. It was described as the same coal seam mined by the Coaldale Fuel Co. Mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Walnut Creek Coal Mine 1885-1894 unkn

85 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SE 12 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

140 ft.

18 vertical/lw & r&p COMMENTS FOR MINE Walnut Creek Coal Mine:

The coal worked in this mine thinned rapidly to the northwest and thickened to the south. Longwall mining was used in the northern part of the mine where the coal was thinner and room and pillar mining was used in the southern part where the coal was thicker. The intent was to maximize production.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Two Rivers Coal Co. - none

86 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NE SW 7 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Two Rivers Coal Co.:

The location and extent of this mine was obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: University Coal Co. - none

87 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE 18 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE University Coal Co.:

The location and extent of this mine was obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Rose Hill Mine 1889-1896 none

88 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SE 18 T74N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/unknown 90 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Rose Hill Mine:

This mine was located three miles west of Des Moines on the Raccoon River. The location and extent were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. The coal ranged from 2.0 to 4.0 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: 1894unkn PLATE I: Union Mine unkn Great Western Mine -1894 89

> **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** LOCATION:

> > SW SW NE 17 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

SHAFT DEPTH: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: ACREAGE: 18

vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Union Mine:

This mine was located on the Chicago-Great Western Railroad near Sevastapol. No

location is given on the map for this mine.

YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** NO. ON MINE NAME(S): Cliffton Heights Coal Co. 1895-**PLATE I:** none Coon Valley Coal Mine 1885-1895 90 unkn Coon Valley Coal Mine 1885

> LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NW NW 16 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE: 60 vertical/r & p 120 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Cliffton Heights Coal Co.

Three coal seams were described in the mine shaft: the 4.0 ft. "1st vein" or Laddsdale Coal at 30 ft., depth, 4.0 ft. "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal at 80 ft., and 4.0 to 7.0 ft. "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal at 110 ft. Mining may have occurred on more than one level.

YEARS OF OPERATION: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): MAP DATE: Johns Coal Co. 1913 PLATE I: 1907-1913 91 Johns Coal Co. 1912 Johns Coal Co. unkn

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NW NE NE NW 16 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** unkn 21 vertical/r & p

COMMENTS FOR MINE Johns Coal Co.:

This mine underlies McRae Park. This mine operated in the same coal seam as the Bennet Mine to the northeast. The coal is correlated with the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal. The coal averages 4.0 ft. thick. Map (1912) shows portions of the Coon Valley and Pioneer mines.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: Pioneer Coal Co. PLATE I: 1876-1896 1881 92 Pioneer Coal Co. 1881 Redhead Shaft none

> LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

> > SE NW SE 9 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** 147 150 ft.

vrt&slp/r & p **COMMENTS FOR MINE Pioneer Coal Co.:**

This mine operated in the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal. This was one of the earliest mines to open in the Des Moines area. It was

located at the community known as Sevastapol. This mine was also known as the Redhead Shaft after Wesley Redhead who was president of the mining company which owned the mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Capital Coal Co. Mine No. 1 1903-1908 1908
93 Capital Coal Co. Mine No. 1 - 1908
Capitol Coal Co. Mine No. 1 - 1908

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NE NE 16 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

15 vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 1

1874-1894

none

94 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW 15 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: unkn vertical/r & p 160 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

This mine produced from the "2nd vein" and "3rd vein" which are probably equivalent to the Cliffland and Blackoak coals, respectively. The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. The mine operated in the Sevastapol area.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Union Mine (3rd Vein) 1887-1894 unkn

95 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NW NE 15 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 30 vertical/r & p 150 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Union Mine (3rd vein):

This mine operated in the "2nd vein" and "3rd vein" probably equivalent to the Cliffland and Blackoak coals, respectively. The Blackoak Coal averaged 4.0 ft. thick. The same shaft was used for both levels.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Gibson Coal Co. Mine No.1 1889-1895 none
96 Polk County Mine No. 1 1874-1889 none
Sypher Mine - none

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

10 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/unknown 105 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Gibson Coal Co. Mine No. 1

The "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal and "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal were mined.

Thicknesses averaged 4.0 to 4.5 ft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Eclipse Coal Co. 1873-1885 1918

97 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE NW 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

50 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Eclipse Coal Co.:

This mine is shown on the map of the Elko Coal Co. mine. The "2nd vein", probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal, was mined. A small amount of coal was mined from the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Charles Reilley Mine - 1918

98 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SE SW 11 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

5 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Charles Reilley Mine:

This mine is shown on the map of the Elko Coal Co. mine. It also may have been known as the Charles Riley Mine. The only known year of operation is 1918.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: small unnamed mine - 1918

99 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE NW 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

5 slope/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE small unnamed mine:

This mine is shown on the map of the Eclipse Coal Co. mine which is dated 1918. It probably operated in the "1st vein" which is thought to be equivalent to the Laddsdale Coal of current usage.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Clover Leaf Mine Shaft 1911-1913 none

100 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SE SE SW 11 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Clover Leaf Mine Shaft:

The extent of mining is unknown. The shaft location only is shown on the map of the

Elko Coal Co. mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Fuller and Coggshell Coal Co. 1882-1885 1885

101 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SE 11 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

17 slope/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Fuller and Coggshell Coal Co.:

This mine may have formerly been called an Eclipse Coal Co. mine.

NO. ON PLATE I: MINE NAME(S): Wild Rose Mine

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

1899-1899

1918

LOCATION: 102

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

SE SW SW SE 11 T78N R24W ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

20

vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Wild Rose Mine:

This mine is shown on the mine map of the Elko Coal Co. It produced from the "2nd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal of currently accepted nomenclature.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Elko Coal Co.

1901-1907

1918

103 LOCATION:

> NE NW NE NE 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

40

vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Elko Coal Co.:

The map for this mine includes the outlines of several other mines which operated in the area. It reportedly operated in the "2nd vein" coal, the probable equivalent of the Blackoak Coal. The surface area above this mine later was quarried for sand and gravel. Several others mines are shown on this map including Eclipse Coal Co., Charles Reilly Mine, a small unnamed mine, Clover Leaf Shaft, Wild Rose Mine, and Beck Coal Co. (3rd vein).

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I: 104

Scott Mine LOCATION:

1908-**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** none

NE NE 14 T78N R24W

Des Moines SE

SHAFT DEPTH:

ACREAGE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: slope/unknown

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Scott Mine:

No mine map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown. May have remined a previously mined area.

NO. ON

MINE NAME(S):

YEARS OF OPERATION:

MAP DATE:

PLATE I:

Pennsylvania Mine

1869-1896 **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** none

105

LOCATION: NE 14 T78N R24W

Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:

SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn

vertical/r & p

unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Pennsylvania Mine: No mine map is available. The extent is unknown.

MAP DATE: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: PLATE I: Beck Coal Co. (2nd vein) 1908-1942 1917 1918 Beck Coal Co. 2nd Vein 106 Beck Coal Co. 2nd Vein 1908-1922 1918 Beck Coal Co. 1912

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW NE 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Beck Coal Co. (2nd vein):

This mine produced from the "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal. It is also shown on the Elko Coal Co. map. Beck Coal Co. map shows outline of old works of the Wild Rose Coal Co. 2nd vein mine, the Eclipse Mine (second vein) and the second vein workings of the Elko Coal Co. and Glenwood mines.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Beck Coal Co. (3rd vein) 1908-1922 1918

107 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SE NW 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

27 unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Beck Coal Co. (3rd vein):

The outline for this mine was obtained from the map of the Elko Coal Co. mine. It operated in the "3rd vein" which is believed to be equivalent to the Blackoak Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Carbondale Coal Co. Mine No. 1 1896-1897 unkn
108 Iowa Fuel Co. 1893-1896 unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE NW 9 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

30 vertical/r & p 108 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Carbondale Coal Co. Mine No. 1

The coal averaged 4.0 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1902-1908 1938 109 Carbondale Mine No. 2 -1902 none

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW SW SE NW 9 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 5 vertical/r & p 110 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 2

The coal ranges from 3.5 to 4.5 ft. thick. This mine is shown on the map of the

Keating-Stanford mine. Only a partial extent is shown.

MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** NO. ON Smith And Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 4 1903-1905 PLATE I: none TOPOGRAPHIC MAP 110 LOCATION: 10 T78N R23W Des Moines SE **ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** unkn vertical/r & p unkn COMMENTS FOR MINE Smith And Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 4: This mine may have also been known as Carbondale No.4. No map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown. NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: Keating - Stanford Coal Co. 1934-1938 1938 **PLATE I:** Keating - Stanford Coal Co. 1937 111 Keating - Stanford Coal Co. 1936 Keating - Stanford Coal Co. 1935 Keating - Stanford Coal Co. 1934 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: NW SW NE 10 T78N R23W Rising Sun ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: ACREAGE: SHAFT DEPTH:** vertical/r & p 26 unkn **COMMENTS FOR MINE** Keating - Stanford Coal Co. The mine map shows a partial extent for Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 2. The coal thickness varies from 4.8 to 5.3 ft. YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): PLATE I: Pioneer Coal Co. 1940-1941 1941 Pioneer Coal Co. 1941 112 Pioneer Coal Co. 1941 Wolf Creek Mining Co. 1938-1939 1938 Wolf Creek Mining Co. 1937 Wolf Creek Mining Co. 1937 Griffith Coal Co. 1934-1938 1935 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: SW NW SE 10 T78N R23W Rising Sun ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE:** vertical/r & p 100 ft. 40

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Capital City Coal Co. Mine No. 1	1 1930-1936	1934
113	Capital City Coal Co. Mine No. 1	1 -	1932
	Capital City Coal Co. Mine No. 1	1 -	1931
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SW SW SE SE 13 T78N R23'	W Rising Sun	
	ACREAGE: E	NTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	41	vertical/r & p	unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: J. M. Christy Mine none

LOCATION: 114 **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

> SE 14 T78N R23W **Rising Sun**

ACREAGE **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE J. M. Christy Mine:

No map is available for this mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: M. Quinn Mine 1893none

115 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

14 T78N R23W **Rising Sun ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: ACREAGE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE M. Quinn Mine:

Mine was located one mile east of Hastie on the Wabash Railroad. No map is

available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

Woodlawn Mine PLATE I: none

116 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SW 14 T78N R23W **Rising Sun**

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn slope/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Woodlawn Mine:

This mine worked an upper coal seam. No map is available.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Iowa Coal and Mining Co. none

117 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: NE SE 15 T78N R23W** Rising Sun

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

unknown/unknown unkn 65 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Iowa Coal and Mining Co.:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office

of the State Mine Inspectors. The coal ranges from 3.5 to 5.5 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:**

PLATE I: Adams and Hastie Mine none

118 Hastie Mine 1889none

> **LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

> NE 15 T78N R23W Rising Sun

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: ACREAGE: **SHAFT DEPTH:** unkn 100 ft.

vertical/r & p **COMMENTS FOR MINE** Adams and Hastie Mine:

No map is available for this mine. The coal averaged 4.0 ft. thick. Operations were

ended when the mine flooded.

MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** NO. ON

PLATE I: Anderson Mine

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: 119 LOCATION:

15 T78N R23W **Rising Sun**

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE:

none

unkn unknown/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Anderson Mine:

No map is available for this mine.

YEARS OF OPERATION: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): **MAP DATE:** none

PLATE I: Wabash Mine No. 2 1886-

120 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP NW 15 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 100 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Wabash Mine No. 2:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. It was described as being located 1/2 mi. west of Hastie (also known as Ross Junction) and about 300 yards east of the Wabash Mine No. 1. The coal averages 4.0 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Wabash Mine No. 1 unkn

121 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NW NE NE 16 T78N R23W Des Moines SE ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

vertical/r & p unkn 10

COMMENTS FOR MINE Wabash Mine No. 1:

The map for this mine is untitled and no scale information is given. It shows that the

railroad was undermined.

YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): 1937

PLATE I: Kring Coal Co. 1937-1943 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 122

SE SW 28 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

> vertical/longwall 58 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Kring Coal Co.

No location references are given on the mine map so location was taken from maps

prepared by the State Mine Inspectors.

NO. ON YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: MINE NAME(S): 1926-1929 1929 PLATE I: Preston Coal Co. Preston Coal Co. 123 1928 Preston Coal Co. 1928 Preston Coal Co. 1928 Preston Coal Co. 1928 Preston Coal Co. 1928

1928 Preston Coal Co.

Preston Coal Co.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: LOCATION:

> **SE NW 28 T78N R23W** Des Moines SE

ACREAGE:

SHAFT DEPTH: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: slope/r & p unkn 11

COMMENTS FOR MINE Preston Coal Co.:

Maps for this mine indicate that it may have operated in two coal seams.

MAP DATE: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION:

Standard Coal Co. Mines 1933-1936 1933 PLATE I:

124 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** NW NW 28 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

> **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE:

unkn 5 vertical/r & p

COMMENTS FOR MINE Standard Coal Co. Mines:

This mine is shown on the map with the Standard Coal Co. which operated from 1929 to 1933 (#125).

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Standard Coal Co. Mines 1929-1933 1931

125 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NW NW 28 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

> ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH:

> > unkn

slope/r & p

COMMENTS FOR MINE Standard Coal Co. Mines: This mine is shown on the map with the Standard Coal Co. mine which operated from

1933-1936 (#124).

YEARS OF OPERATION: NO. ON MINE NAME(S): **MAP DATE:**

PLATE I: Levey Coal Co. 1936-1941 1936 **LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 126

NE NW 28 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

> ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

vertical/r & p 90 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Levey Coal Co.

The mine map also shows old works labelled "Moore" and "Standard" mines.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Avon Coal Co. none

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: 127 **LOCATION:**

> Des Moines SE ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:**

vertical/unknown 34 ft. unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Avon Coal Co.:

NE NE 29 T78N R23W

The coal is correlated with the coal seam mined at the Coal Hill mine. The coal

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Levey Coal Co. 1941-1941 1941

128 LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

COMMENTS FOR MINE Levey Coal Co.:

Des Moines SE NE NE 29 T78N R23W

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH: unkn

5 slope/longwall

This mine may have also been known as Levey Coal Co. Mine No. 2.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: **Gross Coal Mine** PLATE I: 1928-1936 1935 1933 129 **Gross Coal Mine Gross Coal Mine** 1931

> LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

> > NE NE 29 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE: 6 vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): MAP DATE: YEARS OF OPERATION: 1926

PLATE I: Moore Coal Co. -1926

LOCATION: 130 **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

NE NW SE NE 29 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: ACREAGE: 6 vertical/longwall unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Moore Coal Co.:

The mine was small; available records indicate that it may have operated for only one year (1926).

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: **Clover Leaf Mine** PLATE I: 1929-1934 1934 131 Clover Leaf Mine 1931 Clover Leaf Mine 1929 Clover Leaf Mine 1929

> LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

SE NW SW 20 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 28 vertical/lw & r&p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Clover Leaf Mine

The mine map (1934) shows Old Cloverleaf Mine and Manbeck Mine workings.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** PLATE I: Old Clover Leaf Mine 1923-1925 1923

LOCATION: **TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:** 132

> SE NW NW SW 20 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** 7 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Old Clover Leaf Mine:

This mine was shown as the Old Clover Leaf Mine on Clover Leaf Mine map (1934 revision, #131).

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Coal Hill Coal And Mining Co.	1901-	none
133	Coal Valley Coal Co.	1896-1901	none
	Manbeck Coal Co. Mine	1889-1893	unkn
	Manbeck Mine	-	unkn
	Coon Valley Coal Co. Mine No. 2	1887-1890	none
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	NE SE 19 T78N R23W	Des Moines SE	
	ACREAGE: ENT	RANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:

vrt & sl/r & p

COMMENTS FOR MINE Coal Hill Coal And Mining Co.: This mine may have worked "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal which averaged 3.5 ft. thick.

45 ft.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Beck Mine	-	none
134	I OCATION:	TOPOCRAPHIC MAP	

19 T78N R23W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: **SHAFT DEPTH:** unknown/unknown unkn unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Beck Mine:

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No map was available for this mine. It was located on a map showing coal leases along with the X-L mine.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Independent Coal Co.	1927-1945	1945
135	Independant Coal Co.	-	1945
	Independent Coal Co.	- ,	1945
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1939
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1937
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1937
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1935
	Independant Coal Co.	-	1934
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1933
	Independent Coal Co.	-	1932
	Independent Coal Co.	<u>-</u>	1931
	X-L Coal Co.	1918-1927	none
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	NE SE NW 30 T78N R23W	Des Moines SE	
	ACREAGE: EN	FRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:	SHAFT DEPTH:
	90	vertical/r & p	60 ft.
	COMMENTS FOR MINE Independant Coal Co.:		

The mine map (1945) is in three sections. This mine underlies Lake Easter.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Evergreen Coal Co. 1934-1936 1936

136 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NW SE 25 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

6 vertical/r & p unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Glenwood Mine 1899-1901 1917

137 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

11 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Glenwood Mine:

Mine is identified on Beck Coal Co. (1917 revision) map which shows some details of

the mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Pleasant Hill Coal Co. - none

138 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 68 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Pleasant Hill Coal Co.:

This was a small shaft mine in the bluff. No map is available for this mine. The location was obtained from the Report of the State Mine Inspector for 1887.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 1. -1895 none

139 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW 14 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 105 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 1: No map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Pittsburg Mine -1885 none

LATE I: Fittsburg Mille -1883 nor

140 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: SE SE 15 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Pittsburg Mine:

No map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Cooperative Coal Co. Mine No. 1

none

141 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE SE 15 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 125 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Cooperative Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

No map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown. This mine operated in

the "1st vein" or Laddsdale Coal.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Van Ginkel Mine (2nd vein) 1885-1897 unkn

142 Van Ginkel Mine (2nd vein) - unkn

Van Ginkel Mine (2nd vein) - unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW SE SE 15 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

30 vertical/r & p 75 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Van Ginkel Mine (2nd vein):

This mine used a second shaft located in NE, SW, SE, Sec. 15, T78N, R24W. The mined coal was correlated to the "2nd vein" or what is now known as Cliffland Coal and averaged 4.5 ft. thick. The mine map is in sections which are not dated.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Blount and Evans Coal Co. 1908- none

EATE I. Bound and Evans Com Co.

143 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE 27 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/unknown 218 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Blount and Evans Coal Co.:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. The coal averaged 4.5 ft. thick.

YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** NO. ON MINE NAME(S): PLATE I: South Des Moines Coal Co. 1912-1922 1922 South Des Moines Coal Co. 1917 144 South Des Moines Coal Co. 1917 South Des Moines Coal Co. 1917 South Des Moines Coal Co. unkn South Des Moines Coal Co. unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SE NW SE 21 T78N R24W Des Moines SE

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 223 vertical/lw & r&p unkn

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Fort Des Moines Mine - none

145 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SE NW 21 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn unknown/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Fort Des Moines Mine:

The extent and location of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Increasers.

of the State Mine Inspectors.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:

PLATE I: Proctor Coal Company - none

146 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: SW SE 16 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

unkn vertical/unknown 197 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Proctor Coal Company:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps of lease properties.

This was probably and a room and pillar mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 6
1889-1895
unkn
unkn

Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 6

Carlston And Lund Mine

1887-1889

unkn

unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW 16 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 58 vertical/r & p 181 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 6:

The Carlston and Lund Mine which operated from 1887 to 1889 mined "1st vein" coal which is probably equivalent to the Laddsdale Coal at a depth of 65 ft. The Bloomfield Coal Co. deepened the shaft to reach the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal at 181 ft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 1 1903-1916 1916

 PLATE I:
 Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 1
 1903-1916
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 Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 1
 1916

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE NW SE 17 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:

71 vertical/r & p 125 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

The "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal was mined. This mine was connected with the

Bennett Bros. Mine No. 2 underground.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2 PLATE I: 1917-1936 1936 149 Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1924 Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2 1917 Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2 unkn

> LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

> > SW SE SW 17 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE:** SHAFT DEPTH: 132 vertical/r & p 125 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2:

This mine was in the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. It was connected to the Bennett

Bros. No. 1 (#148) underground.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** none

Midway Coal Co. Shaw Mine PLATE I:

150

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

LOCATION:

NE NE 19 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: **ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH:** unkn vertical/unknown 140 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Midway Coal Co. Shaw Mine:

No map is available for this mine and the extent is unknown. The mine produced for local sales only so it was probably small. It was probably a room and pillar mine.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: **MAP DATE:** PLATE I: Acme Coal Mine 1918-1926 1926

151 **LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:**

> **NE SW NE NE 19 T78N R24W Des Moines SW**

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: **4**0 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Acme Coal Mine:

The coal seam worked at this mine was at a higher level than the coal at the Bennett Brothers mine (map #152). The coal was correlated with the "2nd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Cliffland Coal.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	1908-1914	unkn
152	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	unkn
	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	unkn
	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	1916
	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	1916
	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	1916
	Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	-	1916

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE 19 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein):

This mine was known primarily was the Ray Mine (operated by Bennett Brothers Coal Co.) The name used here appears on the 1936 revision of the mine map for Bennett

Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2. The coal mined was correlated with the "3rd vein" or Blackoak Coal. Some maps are partial views only.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4	1920-1936	1936
153	Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4	-	1936
	Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4	-	1935
	Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4	-	1924
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LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE NE NW 19 T78N R24W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 109 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4

Mine map (1936) shows old owrks of Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 5 (#154).

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Stanford Coal Co. Mine No. 1	1931-1932	unkn
154	Des Moines Coal Co Mine No. 5	1924-1931	1931
	Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 5	-	1924

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW NE NE 24 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 40 vertical/r & p unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Stanford Coal Co. Mine No. 1:

Maps for this mine show workings on two levels and an apparent connection. Some old works of the Des Moines Coal Co. Iowa Mine are also shown.

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Des Moines Coal Co. Iowa Mine	1913-1916	1916
155	Des Moines Coal Co. Iowa Mine	-	1913

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE SW NE NW 24 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 210 vertical/r & p 150 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Des Moines Coal Co. Iowa Mine:

This mine worked an upper and lower seam. It may have been known as the Iowa Coal Co. mine prior to 1913. Some old works of the Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 5 are shown (#154).

NO. ON	MINE NAME(S):	YEARS OF OPERATION:	MAP DATE:
PLATE I:	Hollingsworth Coal Co.	1905-1912	unkn
156	Hollingsworth Coal Co.	-	unkn
	Hollingsworth Coal Co.	-	unkn
	Hollingsworth Coal Co.	-	unkn
	Hollingsworth Coal Co.	-	unkn
	LOCATION:	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:	
	SW SW SW 13 T78N R25W	Des Moines SW	

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 21 vertical/r & p 156 ft.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Valley-Union Coal Co. 1906-1912 unkn

157 Valley-Union Coal Co. - unkn

Valley-Union Coal Co. - unkn

LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

SW NE NE SW 14 T78N R25W Des Moines SW

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: 5 vertical/r & p 150 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Valley-Union Coal Co.:

The coal produced was correlated with the "3rd vein" which is probably equivalent to the Blackoak Coal of currently accepted nomenclature. The coal averaged 4.0 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Hulme Mine - none

158 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NE NE 29 T78N R25W Commerce

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: unkn unknown/longwall 95 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Hulme Mine:

The location and extent of the mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. It may also have been known as the Hume mine. The coal was correlated with the "2nd vein" or Cliffland Coal. A 10 in. coal was found in the shaft at 25 ft. depth which is tentatively correlated with the Laddsdale Coal. The mined coal was described as dipping toward the northwest.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE: PLATE I: Samuel Dale Mine 1889-1893 none

159 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

29 T78N R25W Commerce

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: vertical/unknown 100 ft.

COMMENTS FOR MINE Samuel Dale Mine:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office of the State Mine Inspectors. No mine map is available. The coal averaged 2.5 ft. thick.

NO. ON MINE NAME(S): YEARS OF OPERATION: MAP DATE:
PLATE I: Merchants Mine - none

160 LOCATION: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP:

NW 29 T78N R25W Commerce

ACREAGE: ENTRANCE TYPE/MINING TYPE: SHAFT DEPTH: unkn vertical/longwall unkn

COMMENTS FOR MINE Merchants Mine:

The location and extent of this mine were obtained from maps prepared by the Office

of the State Mine Inspectors. No mine map is available. Forty acres were leased by the company.

APPENDIX II.

Alphabetical List of Mines

Apendix II is an alphabetical listing of mine names used for the mines on Plate I and in Appendix I. Map numbers and dates of operation are included. Appendix II is intended as a cross-reference to use with Appendix I.

MINE NAME	MAP NO.	YEARS OF OPERATIONS	
Acme Coal Mine	151	1918	1926
Adams and Hastie Mine	118		
Altoona Mine	14		
American Coal Mining Co.	44	1912	1919
Anderson Coal Co.	4	1907	
Anderson Mine	119		
Atlas Mine	55		
Avon Coal Co.	127		
Beck Brothers Coal Co.	21	1937	1940
Beck Coal Co.	106		
Beck Coal Co. (2nd vein)	106	1908	1942
Beck Coal Co. (3rd vein)	107	1908	1922
Beck Coal Co. 2nd Vein	106	1908	1922
Beck Coal Co. Mine	21	1940	1942
Beck Mine	134		
Bennett Brothers Coal Co. (3rd vein)	152	1908	1914
Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 1	148	1903	1916
Bennett Brothers Coal Co. Mine No. 2	149	1917	1936
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	9	1914	1922
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	9	1906	
Bloomfield Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	9	1914	1927
Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 2	49	1896	1905
Bloomfield Coal Co. Mine No. 6	147	1889	1895
Blount and Evans Coal Co.	24	1908	1913
Blount and Evans Coal Co.	143	1908	1713
Caleb Johns Mine	74	. 1700	
Caleb Johns Mine	62		****
Campfield Coal Co.	57		1895
Capital City Coal Co. Mine No. 1	113	1930	1936
Capital Coal Co. Mine No. 1	93	1903	1908
Carbon Mining Co. Mine No. 9	66	1929	1941
Carbondale Coal Co. Mine No. 1	108	1896	1897
Carbondale Mine No. 2	109	1070	1902
Carbondale Mine No. 3	67		1902
Carlston And Lund Mine	147	1887	1889
Center Coal and Mining Co.	42	1903	1908
Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 5	64		
Central Service Coal Co. Mine No. 6	45	1930	 1947
Charles Reilley Mine	98		
Christy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	68	1892	1901
Cliffton Heights Coal Co.	90		
Clover Leaf Mine	131	1895	1024
Clover Leaf Mine Shaft	100	1929	1934
Coal Hill Coal And Mining Co.		1911	1913
Coal Valley Coal Co.	133	1901	1001
Coaldale Fuel Co.	133	1896	1901
Coon Valley Coal Co. Mine No. 2	83	1904	1910
Coon Valley Coal Mine	133	1887	1890
Cooperative Coal Co.	90	1885	1895
Cooperative Coal Co.	39	1901	1903

MINE NAME	MAP NO.	YEA OPERA	RS OF TIONS
Cooperative Coal Co. Mine No. 1	141		
Dahl Mine	51		
Delaware Coal Co.	8	1906	1911
Des Moines Coal Co Mine No. 5	154	1924	1931
Des Moines Coal Co.	50	1865	1873
Des Moines Coal Co. Iowa Mine	155	1913	1916
Des Moines Coal Co. Marquisville Mine	11	1894	1907
Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 1	139		1895
Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 4	153	1920	1936
Des Moines Coal Co. Mine No. 5	154		
Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co.	81	1917	1925
Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. Mine No. 5	64	1922	1927
Diamond Mine	54		1884
Eagle Coal Co. Mine No. 2	48	1908	1915
Eagle Mine No. 3	37	1910	1919
Eclipse Coal Co.	97	1873	1885
Economy Coal Co.	71		
Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 1	63		
Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2	71	1924	1935
Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 2 (lower vein)	71		
Economy Coal Co. Mine No. 3	65	1932	1945
Elko Coal Co.	103	1901	1907
Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 1	1	1903	1917
Enterprise Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2	2	1907	1917
Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 1	94	1874	1894
Eureka Coal Co. Mine No. 2	53	1896	
Evans Brothers Coal Co.	13		
Evergreen Coal Co.	136	1934	1936
Extra Mine	56	1884	
Flint Brick Co. Mine No. 1	25	1894	1901
Flint Brick Co. Mine Shafts No. 2 and 3	26		
Flint Coal Co. Mine No. 4	22	1920	1927
Flint Coal Co. Mine No. 4	22	1927	1928
Flint Valley Mine	40		
Fort Des Moines Mine	145		
Four Mile Coal Co.	64	1928	1931
Fuller and Coggshell Coal Co.	101	1882	1885
Garver Mine	57		
Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 1	59		1894
Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 2	72		
Giant Coal Co. Mine No. 3	73	1885	
Gibson Coal Co. (Mine No.1)	19	1925	1929
Gibson Coal Co. Mine No. 4	31	1903	1909
Gibson Coal Co. Mine No.1	96	1889	1895
Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 2	69	1895	1899
Gibson Coal Mining Co. Mine No. 5	80	1908	1918
Gibson Mine No. 3	75	1901	1903
Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2	60	1901	1914
Glenwood Coal Co. Mine No. 3	61		

	MAP	YEA	RS OF
MINE NAME	NO.		TIONS
Clarent Min.	107	1000	1001
Glenwood Mine Great Western Mine	137	1899	1901
Griffith Coal Co.	89	1024	1894
Gross Coal Mine	112	1934	1938
Hastie Mine	129	1928	1936
Highland Park Mine	118	1889	
Hollingsworth Coal Co.	28	1005	4040
Hulme Mine	156	1905	1912
Independent Coal Co.	158	1007	4045
Interurban Coal Co.	135	1927	1945
Iowa Central Mine	15	1919	1920
	79		
Iowa Coal and Mining Co.	117	1000	
Iowa Fuel Co.	108	1893	1896
J. M. Christy Mine	114		
Johns Coal Co.	91	1907	1913
Jonkers Mine	20		
Keating - Stanford Coal Co.	111	1934	1938
Keystone Coal Co. Mine	82	1908	1922
Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 1	43	1894	1908
Keystone Coal Co. Mine No. 2	41	1894	1908
Kring Coal Co.	122	1937	1943
Lake Park Mine	38	1895	
Levey Coal Co.	126	1936	1941
Levey Coal Co.	128	1941	1941
Liberty Coal and Mining Co.	22		
M. Quinn Mine	115	1893	
Madison Coal Co.	47	1908	1916
Manbeck Coal Co. Mine	133	1889	1893
Manbeck Mine	133		
Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 1	32	1906	1917
Maple Block Coal Co. Mine No. 2	33	1905	1922
Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 1	36	1891	1903
Maple Grove Mine Shaft No. 2	35	1891	1903
Merchants Mine	160		
Merle Hay Coal Co.	21	1942	1947
Midway Coal Co. Shaw Mine	150		
Miller Mine	52	1882	1883
Moore Coal Co.	130		1926
Norwood Coal Co. Mine No. 2	83	1903	1904
Norwood Coal and Mining Co. No. 1	13	1901	1903
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 1	17	1908	1911
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 2	16	1908	1912
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 3	18	1919	1926
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 4	8	1911	1918
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 5	7	1914	1920
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 6	30	1914	1920
Norwood-White Coal Co. Mine No. 8	5	1919	1943
O. K. Coal Co.	27	1922	
Old Clover Leaf Mine			1906
Old Clotol Loui Millo	132	1923	1925

MINE NAME	MAP NO.	YEA OPERA	RS OF
MINE NAME	110.	OI DICI	TIONS
Pennsylvania Mine	105	1869	1896
Pioneer Coal Co.	92	1876	1896
Pioneer Coal Co.	112	1940	1941
Pittsburg Mine	140		1885
Pleasant Hill Coal Co.	138		
Polk County Mine No. 1	96	1874	1889
Preston Coal Co.	123	1926	1929
Proctor Coal Company	146		
Ramsey Mine No. 2	70		
Rawson Mine	78		
Redhead Shaft	92		
Reese Mine	77		
Rider Cooperative Coal Co.	19	1931	1939
Rider-Heim Coal Co.	19	1929	1931
Rose Hill Mine	88	1889	1896
Samuel Dale Mine	159	1889	1893
Sayer Coal Co.	19		
Saylor Coal Co. Mine No. 2	6	1906	1928
Saylor Coal Co. Mine No.	10		1898
Scott Mine	104	1908	
small unnamed mine	99		
Smith And Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 2	109	1902	1908
Smith And Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 4	110	1903	1905
Smith and Lowe Coal Co. Mine No. 3	67	1902	1908
South Des Moines Coal Co.	144	1912	1922
Sprague Coal Co.	64		
Standard Coal Co.	55		
Standard Coal Co.	58		
Standard Coal Co. Mines	124	1933	1936
Standard Coal Co. Mines	125	1929	1933
Stanford Coal Co. Mine No. 1	154	1931	1932
Swanwood Coal Co.	12	1908	1910
Sypher Mine	96		
Two Rivers Coal Co.	86		
Union Mine	89	1894	
Union Mine	34		
Union Mine (3rd vein)	95	1887	1894
University Coal Co.	87		
Urbandale Coal Co.	46	1920	1942
Valley-Union Coal Co.	157	1906	1912
Van Ginkel Mine (2nd vein)	142	1885	1897
Wabash Mine No. 1	121		
Wabash Mine No. 2	120	1886	
Walnut Creek Coal Co.	84	1905	1910
Walnut Creek Coal Mine	85	1885	1894
Watson Mine	76	1866	1876
West Riverside Coal Co.	23	1894	1911
West Side Coal Co.	81		1917
Western Coal Co.	81 29	1896	1917
WESTELLI COM CO.	29	1090	1702

MINE NAME	MAP NO.		ARS OF ATIONS
Western Coal Co. Saylor Mine	10	189	1910
Wild Rose Mine	102	1899	1899
Wolf Creek Mining Co.	112	1938	1939
Woodlawn Mine	116		
Wright Coal Co.	3	1910	1924
X-L Coal Co.	135	1918	1927

APPENDIX III.

Unlocated Mines in Polk County

Appendix III is a list of coal mines from Polk County which could not be located due to inadequate information. Most of the locations are given only as post office addresses. It is probable that some of these names refer to the mines listed in Appendices I and II but cannot be traced back to the mine site with any certainty. Year of operation and any additional information has been included.

1) MINE NAME:

A. McKiney Slope Mine

LOCATION: P.O. Runnells MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1901-1903

2) MINE NAME:

Aetna Coal Co. Mine No. 1

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines **OTHER INFORMATION:** May have been known as Etna MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1885

3) MINE NAME:

Avon Coal Co. LOCATION:

5 miles east of Capitol **OTHER INFORMATION:** Coal production 961 tons

MINE TYPE: r&p

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1938-1940

4) MINE NAME:

Balzar Coal Co. **LOCATION:** P.O. Des Moines MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1901

5) MINE NAME:

Beck Coal & Mining Co.

LOCATION:

3.5 miles sw Des Moines on C.R.I.P. R.R.

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1899-1901

MINE TYPE:

MINE NAME:

Bee Coal Co. LOCATION: P.O. East Des Moines

YEARS OF OPERATION:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

1934

unkn

MINE NAME:

Bertands & Tilton Coal Co. LOCATION:

Bloomfield Coal Co. No. 3

P.O. Commerce

MINE NAME:

LOCATION:

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1903

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1904-1906

MINE NAME:

none given

Bloomfield Coal Mining Co. No. 4

LOCATION:

Northeast of Des Moines on C. & N.W. R.R.

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1906-1924

10) MINE NAME:

Blount & Evans Mine

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

unkn

LOCATION:

West Schoolhouse and Lone Tree

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

11) MINE NAME:

Capitol City Coal Co.

LOCATION: South Des Moines MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1903-1908

12) MINE NAME:

Caponegro Mine **LOCATION:**

Same district as the Independent Mine

East 14th St.& north limits of Carney

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: unkn

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

MINE TYPE: unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

14) MINE NAME:

13) MINE NAME: Carney Mine

LOCATION:

Carpenter Coal Co. No. 1

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE: shaft

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION: 1910

15) MINE NAME:

Coalfield Fuel Co. LOCATION:

P.O. Coalfield, Iowa

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

16) MINE NAME:

Commerce Coal Co.

LOCATION: P.O. Commerce MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE: unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1908

OTHER INFORMATION:

There may have been more than one Commerce Coal Co. mine, also known as the Commerce Mine.

17) MINE NAME:

18) MINE NAME:

Cruikshank Coal Co. **LOCATION:**

P.O. Des Moines

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: slope

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1936

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

19) MINE NAME:

Des Moines Coal Co.

Deer Creek Coal Co.

LOCATION:

LOCATION:

North Of Acme Mine By 1/2 Mile

1.5 Miles From Enterprise Mine

unkn

1905-1906

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: unkn

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

20) MINE NAME:

Des Moines Coal Co. No. 3

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

21) MINE NAME:

Diamond Block Coal Co.

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

22) MINE NAME:

Etna Mine LOCATION:

East Of Des Moines

23) MINE NAME:

Evans Coal & Mining Co.

LOCATION: East of Saylorville

OTHER INFORMATION:

Also known as Evans Coal Mine.

24) MINE NAME:

Fudge Coal Co.

LOCATION:

P.O. East Des Moines

25) MINE NAME:

Gibson Coal Co. No. 1

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

26) MINE NAME:

Gibsons Mine

LOCATION:

13th & R Street

27) MINE NAME:

Gibson's Mine

LOCATION:

1/2 mile west of Youngstown bridge

28) MINE NAME:

Great Western Coal & Mining Co.

LOCATION:

On the Interurban Line

29) MINE NAME:

Hastie Coal Co. LOCATION:

P.O. Runnells, R.F.D.

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1914, 1915, 1922

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1924-1926

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1883

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

shaft

ENTRANCE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

shaft

slope

unkn

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION: 1898-1899

MINE TYPE: **ENTRANCE TYPE:**

unkn YEARS OF OPERATION:

1934

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

r&p

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1928-1930

MINE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

MINE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn YEARS OF OPERATION:

1924

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1932-1936

30) MINE NAME:

Hendrickson Coal Co.

LOCATION: P.O. Runnells

31) MINE NAME:

Hillside Coal Co. LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

32) MINE NAME:

Holland Coal Co. LOCATION:

P.O. Des Moines

33) MINE NAME:

Homestead Coal Co. LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

34) MINE NAME:

Indian Bloss Mine LOCATION:

West and north of Hartford

35) MINE NAME:

Iowa Cooperative Coal Co.

LOCATION: P.O. Des Moines

36) MINE NAME:

James Stiles Commerce Mine

LOCATION: P.O. Commerce

37) MINE NAME:

Joseph Raplinger Coal Co. LOCATION:

P.O. Runnells

38) MINE NAME:

Joshua Chambers Mine No. 1

LOCATION: Avon

39) MINE NAME:

L. D. Lang Mine No. 1

LOCATION: P.O. Avon

40) MINE NAME:

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1936

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE: shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1934

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1936

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1934

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE: unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

unkn

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1938

MINE TYPE:

unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1897

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1915

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1885

MINE TYPE: unkn

ENTRANCE TYPE:

slope

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1885

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

Likes Brick & Coal Co. unkn slope

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Des Moines 1901

41) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

shaft

shaft

McCall & Joplin Coal Co. unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Runnells 1920

OTHER INFORMATION:

Name may have been McCall and

Coal production: 2,142 tons in 1939

Jopling Coal Co.

42) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Midwest Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

P.O. 1102 12th Street, Des Moines 1938-1940

OTHER INFORMATION:

43) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

N Riverside Coal & Mng Co. Ramsey Mine unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

2 miles northwest of Des Moines River 1893-1897
OTHER INFORMATION:

Also known as Ramsey Mine

44) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Newman Coal & Brick Co. unkn slope

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Hastie 1901-1903

45) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Oralabor Mine unkn unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: 2 miles southeast of Ankeny unkn

46) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

R. Dale Coal Co. unkn
LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

P.O. Commerce 1895

47) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Rees Griffith's Mine unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Des Moines 1895-1897

1.0. Des Montes 1093-1097

48) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Ridgeway Mine unkn unkn unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: Hastie Area unkn

49) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Runnells Coop Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION:
P.O. Runnells

YEARS OF OPERATION:
1936-1938

50) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:
S & N Mine unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

Southwest of Iowa Power & Light 1.5 mi. unkn

51) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Schultz Coal Co. unkn slope

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. East Grand Des Moines 1926-1928

52) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Scotch Ridge Mines unkn unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:
Two miles from Bennett unkn

53) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Simpson Mine unkn unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:
Southwest of Des Moines Coal Co. unkn

54) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: South Park Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Des Moines 1901

55) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Spring Creek Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Des Moines 1932

56) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Spring Valley Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION: P.O. Des Moines 1926-1932

57) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE: Standard Mine unkn unkn

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:

East of Beck Mine, close to Iowa Power unkn

OTHER INFORMATION:

Also located southeast of Rock Island

R.R. on Hwy. 60.

OTHER INFORMATION:

58) MINE NAME: MINE TYPE: ENTRANCE TYPE:

Stanford Brothers Coal Co. unkn shaft

LOCATION: YEARS OF OPERATION:
3 miles east of McCoy farm 1939

Coal production 267 tons

59) MINE NAME:

Van Pit Mine

LOCATION:

South Of Raccoon River

OTHER INFORMATION:

Located near the Sypher-Polk County mine

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1894

60) MINE NAME:

White Hollow Coal Co.

LOCATION:

P.O. Adelphi

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE:

unkn

shaft

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1934

61) MINE NAME:

William Dawson Mine No. 1

LOCATION: Rising Sun

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: slope

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1885

1000

MINE TYPE:

ENTRANCE TYPE: shalt

unkn

YEARS OF OPERATION:

1885

62) MINE NAME:

William Leid Mine No. 1

LOCATION: P.O. Avon

APPENDIX IV.

Preparation of Underground Coal Mines of Des Moines, Iowa and Vicinity

Preparation of the map (Plate I) required rescaling the mine maps to the scale of the (Des Moines) base map, locating the mine on the base map, and combining the outlines and the base map.

Outlines of mined areas were digitized from photographs of the mine maps using computer aided design software (AutoCAD). Shaft or slope locations were digitized when available and references for scaling, location, and orientation were also digitized. Digitized base maps were prepared from eight 7.5' U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangle maps. The mine outline drawings were added to the topographic base map using reference data collected with the outlines. Placement and scale changes were accomplished with CAD software.

The resulting maps were composited with a 1:100,000 scale base map which shows streets, rivers, and Public Land system grids of Polk County. Plate I is reproduced at approximately 65% of the base map.

APPENDIX V. Sources of Mine Data

IOWA MINED LANDS DATA SYSTEM

Preparation of this report was greatly aided by the Iowa Mined Lands Data System (IMLDS) created to organize and manage the large, diverse collection of abandoned mine data for Iowa. IMLDS was created as part of a contract with the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Division of Soil Conservation, funded by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Surface Mining under the Abandoned Mine Lands program.

IMLDS consists of a computerized database and the collection of documents which contributed to it. The computerized database includes records for 2,967 mine sites from thirty-two Iowa counties. The documents include mine maps for 860 mine sites, published descriptions of mines and local geology, and other related data on file at the Geological Survey Bureau. The database was prepared by analyzing the information from these materials including names under which the mines operated, locations, dates of operation, availability of mine maps, type of entrance, and method of mining. Depth, coal thickness, and coal bed name were added if possible. All mines which could be located with some degree of accuracy were included. A second database was created to store information for mines with inadequate location information. Typically, the only location given for these was a county name and post office address.

The mine-related data for the Des Moines area used in the text of this report and the list of data included as appendices I, II, and III were obtained from the Iowa Mined Lands Data System. Reporting formats were designed within the system to produce the appendices from the database.

RESTORATION OF COAL MINE MAPS AND DATA COLLECTION

The Geological Survey Bureau (GSB) is the repository for coal mine maps which were in the State Mine Inspectors' Office when it closed in 1972. Most of the maps are in the form of blueprint copies. The condition of the maps varied from very good to severely deteriorating (the blueprint process produces chemical residues which render the paper unstable over time.) In 1986, GSB (then Iowa Geological Survey) and the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Division of Soil Conservation, initiated a project to preserve the coal mine maps in 1986. The restoration project was part of a contract funded by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Surface Mining. Its primary goals were to slow the deterioration of the maps, repair the most severely damaged maps, and preserve the maps in such a way that they could be handled for study with little risk of damage. The State Historical Department carried out the restoration project under contract with GSB during 1986, 1987, and 1988. The restoration project included cleaning to remove soil, cellophane tape, and acid residue, repair of torn maps, and encapsulation in polyester film. Following restoration, the maps were photographed, catalogued, and placed in storage at GSB.

The restored maps were studied in detail to collect data including mine names, locations, extents, types of mining, and locations of mine entrances. Some maps also included information about coal thickness, defects in the coal seam, and outlines of adjacent mines or surface features. Published and file data were used to corroborate and supplement the information gathered from the mine maps. Information obtained from mine maps was given precedence where conflicts between the mine maps and other data arose.

STATE MINE INSPECTORS' MAPS AND FILES

The earliest mining records, kept beginning about 1865, were too general and incomplete

to be very useful. With the creation of the State Mine Inspectors' Office in 1880, reporting requirements were increased and the quantity and quality of available data improved. Surveyed mine maps were periodically filed with the Office during the operating life of a mine and at the time of abandonment to meet part of the requirements. The State Mine Inspectors' Office also maintained extensive data files and published biennial reports of its activities from 1880 to 1972. The reports include county-by-county lists of mines operating during the reporting period and serve as important sources for documenting dates of mine operation. Summaries of inspections in these reports often provide information about physical characteristics of the mines. The State Mine Inspectors' files include township maps for each coal-producing county that outlined coal mine areas. These maps supply locations and extents of mines for which no surveyors' maps are available.

PUBLISHED DESCRIPTIONS OF COAL MINING AND GEOLOGY

The Iowa Geological Survey Annual Reports include accounts of the geology and mineral production of most Iowa counties. A few of the county reports include outlines of coal mine lease properties for which no maps could be found. Although these did not represent the actual extent of mining activity, they did provide location data and probable maximum extents of mining. In addition, reports by Keyes (1894), Hinds (1908), and Lees (1908) included extensive descriptions of coal mining in Iowa. The descriptions of individual mines in these reports proved to be important sources for supplementing data obtained from maps and files as well as providing general information about the local coal industry and geology. Discussions of coal geology are found in earlier works including White (1870) and Owens (1852).

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