

OLD FORGE COLLIERY

Old Forge Breaker is located three and a half miles East of Pittston and five and four tenths miles from Scranton. It is on the Erie Railroad and served exclusively by it. There is a junction with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad six tenths of a mile South of Breaker. The Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad is about six hundred feet to the West. There was a junction with the D. L. & W. some years ago about fifteen hundred feet Northeast of the Breaker.

To the Northeast is the Glen Alden Coal Company and Jermy and Company; to the Southeast the Suffolk Anthracite Collieries; to the Southwest the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and to the Northwest the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Austin Coal Company (?). Central Colliery is adjacent to the South. Jermy and Company, Suffolk Anthracite Collieries and Austin Coal Company (?) could be acquired.

The first Breaker was built in 1884, the second in 1903-1904 which was remodeled in 1918-1919. The area tributary to the colliery is 1450 acres. The veins mineable are the Bottom Split of Pittston Vein, Top Clark, Bottom Clark, Top, Middle and Bottom Red-Ash.

NO. 1 SHAFT

This Shaft located 2100 feet Northeast of the Breaker, was sunk in 1883-1884 to the Bottom Red-Ash Vein a depth of 187 feet. The surface elevation is 668.7 feet. The veins worked here are the Top, Middle and Bottom Red Ash which are slightly gaseous.

The haulage is by eight electric locomotives. The length of main haulage roads is 21,600 feet.

The pumping plant consists of one pole pump capacity 600 gallons and one electric centrifugal pump of 1000 gallon capacity. The average pumping per day is 315,360 gallons per day.

NO. 2 SHAFT

This Shaft, located 2100 feet Northwest of Breaker was sunk in 1886 to the Bottom Red Ash Vein a depth of 197.5 feet. The elevation at surface is 654.2 feet. The veins worked here are the Middle and Bottom Red-Ash which are non-gaseous.

The haulage is by eight electric locomotives. The total length of main haulage roads is 25,800 feet.

The pumping plant consists of two steam duplex pumps of 2500 gallon capacity and one electric centrifugal of 2500 gallon capacity or a total of 7500 gallons per minute. The average pumping per day is 5,000,000 gallons.

COBAY SLOPE

This was opened up in 1912. The elevation at surface is 648 feet, depth 60 feet and length 480 feet. The veins worked here are the Top and Bottom Clark which are non-gaseous.

The haulage is two electric locomotives. The total length of main haulage roads is 5950 feet.

No pumping is done here.

SIBLEY SHAFT

Sibley Colliery started operating in the early seventies. It was purchased by the Pennsylvania Coal Company December 1, 1913 and operated as such until about April 1, 1916. Since then the coal is taken underground through No. 2 Shaft workings and hoisted up that shaft. The elevation at the surface is 781.5 feet and depth 278 feet. The veins worked in the shaft are the Marcy, Clark, Middle and Bottom Red-Ash Veins which are non-gaseous. A split of the Pittston Vein is mined by a drift and coal taken over to the shaft and lowered to be taken to the Breaker.

The haulage is by plane engine on the pitches, by nine electric locomotives on headings and in chambers and seven mules mainly in chambers. The total length of main haulage roads is 34,100 feet.

The pumping plant consists of two electric centrifugal pumps of 1800 gallons capacity. These are duplicate pumps only one of which operates. The average pumping per day is 810,000 gallons the remainder of the water flowing to No. 2 Shaft.

The average thickness of coal is:

Bottom Split Pittston	4.00
Marcy	5.59
Top Clark	6.62
Bottom Clark	2.14
Top Red-Ash	3.67
Middle Red-Ash	4.37
Bottom Red-Ash	3.33
Bottom Split Bottom Red Ash	1.99

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ESTIMATED COAL JAN. 1, 1927

Fee	3173.85 ft. as. @ 1400 -	4,443,390 Tons
Leased	<u>887.33</u> ft. as. @ 1400 -	<u>1,242,262</u> "
TOTAL	4061.18	5,685,652 "

ASSESSMENT FOR 1927

Coal	\$ 552,711.00
Surface	89,867.00
Improvements	299,900.00
Live Stock	<u>640.00</u>
Total	\$ 943,118.00

The tax for this valuation at 1926 rates would be \$58,116.40. This class of taxes is handled general for all mines combined and prorated over mines upon a normal tonnage basis.

Penna. State Tonnage Tax - Williams Bill  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of net sales value at mines for coal prepared for market. Fuel coal has been excluded. For 1926 the accrual was made at 10¢ per ton applied to tonnage sold each month. The actual tax for Old Forge Colly in 1926 amounted to \$43,648.14 - 10.9¢ per ton.

The estimated life of Old Forge Colliery is twenty-two years.

The Breaker with ordinary repairs should last the life of the Colliery.