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History of Wayland

Referring to our recent telephone conversation in which you said that Rev. Mr. Price would like to have some historical data on Wayland, I am sending you under separate cover a leather bound booklet and a brochure, which Rev. Mr. Price may keep if he wishes.

The booklet was prepared in connection with an inspection trip of directors and their friends of the Elk Horn Mining Corporation in May 1914. There are several early pictures of the Town of Wayland. The brochure was prepared in connection with an inspection of the new tipple at Wayland in 1937.

In 1913 I went down to our operations when the headquarters were at the point now called Estill and before the present Town of Wayland was established. Mr. Snoderly of Consolidation Coal Company and I drove from Beaver Junction (Allen) to Wayland in a buck wagon. The railroad was being constructed at the time. A good part of the trip was made in the creek bed.

The original office building at Estill, then called Wayland, was of temporary construction. It was made of green timber which contracted and left some cracks between the boards which made it quite siry. At that time Ira N. Morgan, afterwards police judge at Wayland, was the Local Auditor at Estill (Wayland).

The name "Wayland" was the middle name of Clarence Wayland Watson who was the first President of the original company, which was called Elk Horn Fuel Company. That company was organized in February 1913. Elk Horn Mining Corporation was organized in 1914. It was the operating company at Wayland. Later the two companies were merged into a corporation called Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

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