No. 16 O.F.-Menongal fa. (Correspondence batwark Jos.W. Craig, Pros., ARC 1. (Oct. 30,1894 to Mar. 18, 1899). (Letter from S. Nation 16-95)

.......District, Monongalia County, W. Va. By Chartiers Oil Co., 415 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

1-11-1895: Through Salt Sand and cased with 1950' of 6-5/8".
The contractor had expected to case this well below the Pancil Cave but I had heard of his getting a large amount of water in the Salt Sand and I presume that he thought it was too much to attempt to drill the big hole below the Pencil Cave.

1-19-1895: I have just received the following mesage from the McCord well: 2330 feet deep, small show of oil, shows salt water, think no good. We got the coal at 905', so this puts it 1425 feet below the coal, and I guess she is no good in the Big Injun. Of course, we will keep hight on now and see what is in the lower sands.

3-5-1895: I have not seen Mr. Watson but from what he tells me they have not had any sand down to where they shut down Friday night at 3210 feet. The contractors were waiting on an additional cable and did not expect to get started again until some time to-day. I had thought some of drilling the well 2600 feet under the coal provided we did not get anything before but will have to see what we can do with the contractor as the contract I made calls for 2500 feet under the coal.

3-13-1895: I should have written you about getting the little gas that we did but the way it was reported to me I really did not think it was of any importance. We got it a little over 2400 feet under the coal and it exhausted very quickly, the sand was very poor and very thin. Mr. Watson is at the well to-day and will likely shut it down to-night. The contractor wired me this morning they were 3540 feet and as this puts them 2635 feet below the coal I think it is about time to give it up. I understand the Blacksville well got gas at 3010 feet and will make about 30 pounds in one minute.

3-16-1895, from. S. Watson: We finished drilling at the McCord well Wednesday, 13th, found nothing but dark slate and shells from 3360 to 3528. Tested gas pressure, 10 lbs. first minute, 139 first 20 minutes, and 350 lbs. first 60 minutes, which is about her rock pressure.