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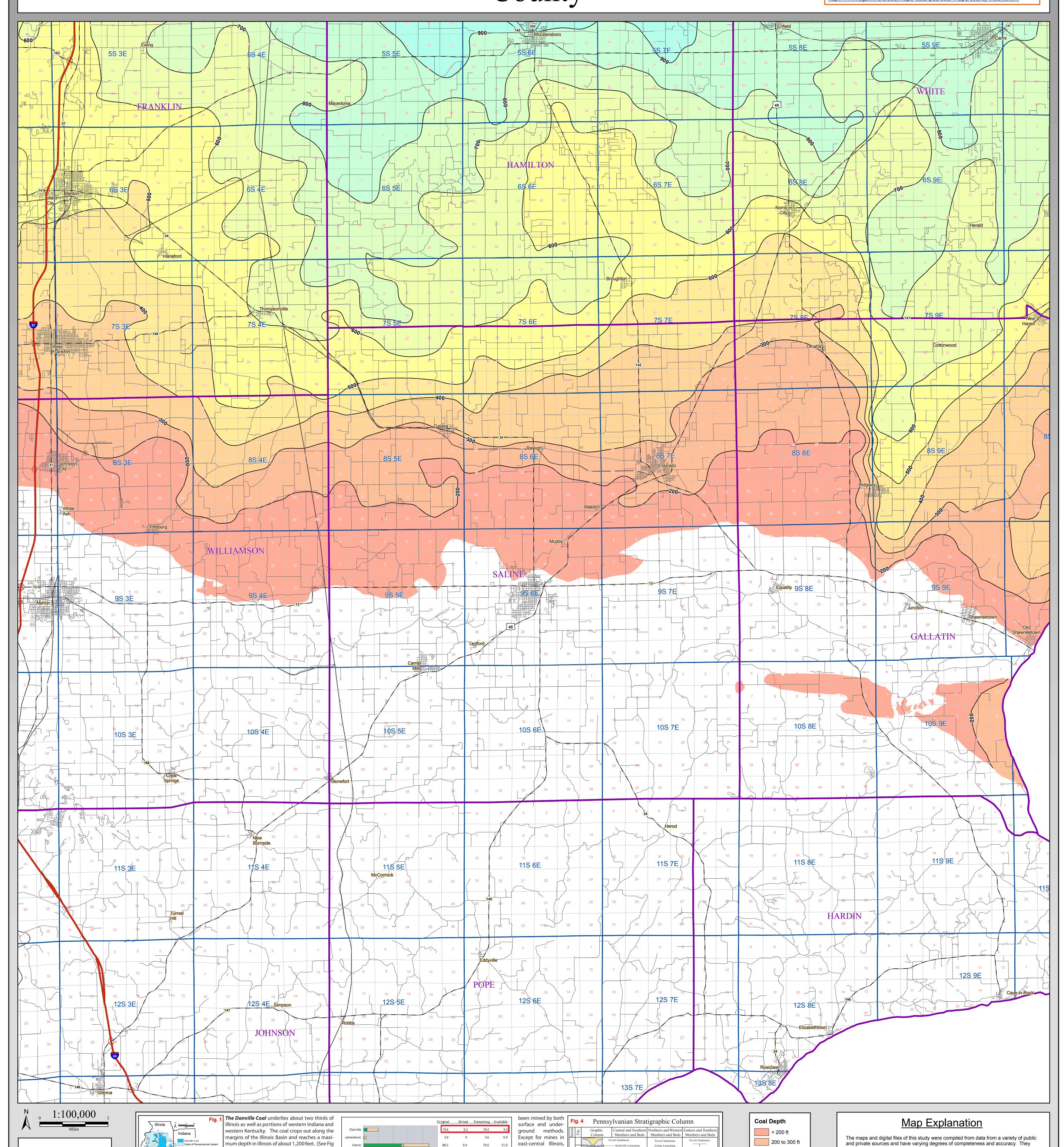
## Danville Coal Depth SALINE County

County Coal Map Series Andrew Louchios, Scott Elrick, Chris Korose, David Morse

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most large surface

mines recover the

Danville Coal only as

part of their opera-

tion to remove over-

burden to mine the

Coal. In many cases,

simply discarded in

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relatively thick underclay. At mined. Approximately 23% of the original Danville Coal resources, 4.5 billion

above the Herrin Coal. (Hop-comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these re-

occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches.

ville Coal in the State of Illi- **T**he Danville Coal has been mined in Illinois for over 100 years, but only about

nois totals 19.6 billion tons, 1% of the original resource has been depleted. The most extensive area of

of which 0.2 billion have been mining was in east-central Illinois near the city of Danville where the coal has

the type locality in Vermillion tons, are considered available for mining. (See Fig 3.) Available means that to be too thin or too

feet thick and occurs 20 feet (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are tify recovery and was

sources, 4 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 0.4 billion tons

county, the Danville Coal is 6 the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit poor in quality to jus-

1. and Fig 2.) The Danville Coal is in the Shelburn

formation which is part of the Desmoninesian

Series. The Danville Coal has been mined in Liv-

ingston, McLean, La Salle, and Marshall Counties

in addition to Vermilion County. In most of the

remainder of the state it is a thin coal, generally a

few inches to less than 3 feet thick. The Danville

kins, 1968 - B95). (See Fig 4.)

The original resource of Dan-

Coal is generally overlain by the Farmington Shale Member of the Shelburn Formation,

but in places the immediate roof is 1-2 feet of black fissile shale. It is underlain by a

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conceptual model of the geology of the area on which to base further work.

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300 to 400 ft

400 to 500 ft

500 to 600 ft

600 to 700 ft

700 to 800 ft

800 to 900 ft

900 to 1000 ft

1000 to 1100 ft

1100 to 1200 ft

1200 to 1300 ft

1300 to 1400 ft

1400 to 1500 ft

1500 to 1600 ft

Lonsdale Limestone

Gimlet Sandstone

Farmington Shale Danville Coal

Herrin Coal Spring Lake Coal Bed Big Creek Sandstone

Herrin Coal

Rock Branch (SW)/ DeGraff (S) Coal

the spoil pile with other rock overburden. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al)

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