

DIRECTORY OF COAL MINES IN ILLINOIS

Greene County

This directory accompanies the Illinois Coal
Mines map or maps for this County.

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INTRODUCTION

Coal has been mined in 77 counties. More than 7,400 coal mines have operated since commercial mining began in Illinois circa 1810. Our maps of known mines for each county may help the public to identify mined areas. This accompanying coal mine directory provides basic information about the coal mines. Please note, however, that the accuracy and completeness of the maps and directories vary depending on the availability and quality of source material. Little or no information is available for many mines, especially the older ones, because mining activity was not regulated or documented until the late 1800's. Even then, reporting requirements were minimal.

The coal mine maps are maps compiled by the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) of known mines: underground and surface coal mines as well as underground industrial mineral mines. Buffer regions for industrial mineral underground mines were incorporated into the maps due to limited information regarding these mines. The size of the buffer region is dependent on the uncertainty or inaccuracy of the mine location based on the quality of the source material. For more information regarding industrial mineral mines please contact the ISGS Industrial Minerals Section.

In cooperation with the Illinois State Geological Survey, the Office of Mines and Minerals (a division of the Department of Natural Resources) is in search of old underground mine maps of Illinois. Many of the undocumented maps are believed to be in libraries, historical societies and personal files of old mine employees. The Department asks that anyone who knows of one of these maps, please contact the Department at (618) 650-3197 or by emailing rjibson@siue.edu. A map specialist will come to your location, if you wish. Otherwise maps can be mailed, or you may stop by one of our offices in Edwardsville, Springfield, Ottawa, or Benton. These maps will be checked against existing inventory. If they are found to be a new discovery, they will be electronically imaged and returned to the owner (if requested).

MINE MAPS

The mined areas are shown on county base maps at a scale of 1:100,000.

Three types of mine information are shown on the maps: an index number that identifies the mine in the directory, a symbol that marks the 'location' of the mine, and an outline of the mined area if that is known. The location is almost always the site of the main mine opening or, in the case of surface mines, the location of the tippie (coal washing and storage facility). The type of symbol indicates whether the opening is a shaft, drift, or slope and whether the mine is active or abandoned. Another symbol represents a mine with an uncertain type of portal and/or uncertain location. When the exact location is unknown, the symbol is placed in the center of the section or quarter section in which the mine was reported to exist. If a mine cannot be located within a section, it is not shown on the map, but is listed in the directory.

The boundaries of the mined areas are also shown for most of the mines; however, for some mines the only information available is the location of the main opening. There are three types of coal-mined areas: underground, surface, and indefinite--which are shaded with different patterns. The underground mines also show large blocks of unmined coal within the mine, when that information is available. The indefinite areas, which have been plotted from sketchy or incomplete information, usually are underground workings, although the directory should be consulted to determine the specific mine type.

For most counties, one map shows all known mines. However, in Gallatin, Saline, Vermilion, and Williamson Counties, several seams have been extensively mined. For the sake of readability, separate maps have been produced for the mines in each seam. Mines in the Herrin Coal are shown on one map, those in the Springfield Coal are shown on another, and the mines in all other coals are shown on a third map. In Vermilion County, the mines that operated in the Herrin and the Danville Coals are presented on separate maps.

Quadrangle maps at 1:24,000 scale have been completed for select areas and contain more detailed outlines with directories that contain more detailed coal mine information. The maps and directories are available as downloadable PDF files or can be purchased. Please visit the ISGS web site for more information.

MINE DIRECTORIES

Each county directory is keyed to the mine map by the mine index number; the directory provides basic information about the coal mines shown on the map. The data have been compiled from a variety of sources such as the annual Coal Report of the Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals and field notes taken by ISGS geologists. The information presented in the table is described below. A blank in any column indicates that information is not available for that item. Again, we welcome any additional information that you may have.

ISGS Index Each mine in the state is identified with a unique number; this number is shown on the map and is the link between the map and the directory. The number is permanently assigned to a mine regardless of changes in the mine name, ownership, or operator.

Company Name A mine may have been operated by more than one company or the operating company may have changed its name. Separate entries in the directory show each name and the years of operation under the name. In many instances, names have been abbreviated to fit within the space available.

Mine Name and Mine Number An entry is included for each name and/or number the mine operated under, even if the company name remained the same. Many companies use the same name for all their mines, but differentiate them by number. Again, abbreviations have been used where necessary.

Mine Type Underground mines are either "shaft," "slope," or "drift" which refers to the type of opening used to remove the coal from the mine. In shaft mines the coal is removed through a vertical shaft. Slope designates mines in which the coal is removed via a sloping incline from the ground surface to the mining level. In slope mines, miners and equipment may use either the slope or a vertical shaft to get into the mine. A drift mine is an underground mine that is excavated where the coal outcrops in the side of a bluff or the highwall of a surface mine. The mine type for surface mines is "strip" because these mines are more commonly called "strip mines."

Method This refers to the pattern by which the coal was removed. Most underground mines in Illinois have used a type of room and pillar pattern, the areas where the coal is removed are the 'rooms' with 'pillars' of coal left in place to support the roof. In some mines, the pillars were later pulled to extract additional coal. The abbreviations are listed below and most are illustrated in Figure 1.

RP	Room & Pillar; specific type unknown
RPB	Room & Pillar Basic; irregular panels, typical of old mines
MRP	Modified Room & Pillar; a somewhat more regular pattern than Room & Pillar Basic
RPP	Room and Pillar Panel; similar to Modified Room & Pillar
BRP	Blind Room and Pillar; every 6th or 7th room is left unmined to provide additional support
CRP	Checkerboard Room and Pillar; evenly spaced large pillars
LW	Longwall; all coal is removed Old longwall mines were backfilled with rock to provide support Modern longwall mines allow roof to collapse behind as mining progresses
HER	High Extraction Retreat; a form of Room & Pillar mining that extracts most of the coal

Years Operated Years that the mine operated; these dates may include periods when the mine was idle or not in full operation. Dates of mining from different sources are sometimes contradictory. The conventions that we have used to indicate where we were uncertain of dates are as follows. If we know the full range of dates that a mine operated under a specific name, those are given (1928-1934). If we know when a mine last operated, but not when it began, we use a dash and end date (-1934). If we know that a mine operated in a particular year, but not when it opened or closed, we just give the year we know (1920). To avoid confusion with the previous case, if a mine opened and closed in the same year, the year is repeated (1926-1926). In cases where a mine operated under different names, but we don't know when the name change occurred, the full range of dates is given for all names (John Smith Sr. Mine 1913-1944, Bill Smith Mine 1913-1944). A blank indicates that we have no information on the dates that the mine operated.

Coal Seam Mined The seam name is that used by the Illinois State Geological Survey. Figure 2 shows these coal seams in a stratigraphic column and provides a cross-reference to other names commonly used for these coals. If a mine has operated in more than one seam, there are separate entries in the table for each seam mined.

Location The location given is the site of the main portal or, for surface mines, the tipple. For small surface mines, the pit and the tipple are assumed to be the same. The location is based on the Public Land Survey System of townships and sections. Townships are identified by a township (north-south) and range (east-west) designation such as T14N-R6E. Townships are subdivided into approximately 36 one-square-mile sections, which are numbered from 1 to 36.

ORDERING INFORMATION

A 1:100,000 scale color plot with the directory is available at a cost of \$12.50. This can be ordered by contacting the Information Office at (217) 244-2414 or sales@prairie.illinois.edu.

ACCURACY OF MAP

The maps and digital files used for this study were compiled from data obtained from a variety of sources and have varying degrees of completeness and accuracy. They present reasonable interpretations of the geology of the area and are based on available data. These data were compiled and digitized at a scale of 1:62,500, except for areas where quadrangle studies have been completed and the data was compiled at 1:24,000 or better. Locations of some features may be offset by 500 feet or more due to errors in the original source maps, the compilation process, digitizing, or a combination of these factors. These data are not intended for use in site-specific screening or decision-making. Data included in this map are suitable for use at a scale of 1:100,000.

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ISGS INDEX	COMPANY NAME	MINE NAME	MINE NO.	MINE TYPE	METHOD	YEARS OPERATED	SEAM MINED	COUNTY	LOCATION		
									TWP	RGE	SEC
258	GRIFFITH,EDWARD	GRIFFITH		SHAFT	RP	1898-1917	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	30
329	GREENFIELD MNG C IDLE:18-19	OLD POLI		SLOPE	RP	1917-1921	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
329	POLI,A.N.("OLD POLI MINE")	GREENFIELD		SLOPE		1923-1923	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
347	POLI,A.N.("NEW POLI MINE")	GREENFIELD		SLOPE		1927-1936	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
347	GREENE CO C C SEC 28-C2?	POLI		SHAFT		1937-1937	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
347	GREENFIELD C C	GREENFIELD		SHAFT		1937-1939	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
713	PIPER,DONALD & SON C C	PIPER		STRIP		1950-1951	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
713	BIRCH CREEK C C	BIRCH CREEK		STRIP		1951-1967	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
749	BURROUGHS E E CC	BURROUGHS		SHAFT	RP	1908-1909	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
749	KINCAID & MITCHELL OR ARNOLD	KINCAID &		SHAFT		1909-1917	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
2042								GREENE	12N	11W	28
2055								GREENE	12N	11W	20
2302	PITCHFORD,CLAUDE,OPER ABT 15	PITCHFORD						GREENE			
2302	HOLLY,CLEAT	HOLLY		SHAFT		1935-1938		GREENE			
2302	ALLEN,W.L.					1941-1943		GREENE			
2303	BURT (WILLIAM)	BURT		SHAFT			COLCHESTER	GRUNDY	33N	8E	19
2304	WALKER,O S, (SEC. 12 ?)	WALKER		SLOPE		1934-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	10N	10W	7
2305	ADKINS,J T	ADKINS		DRIFT		1914-1942	ROODHOUSE	GREENE	10N	11W	23
2305	BOUNS,VERNIE O (SEE BOWNS)	BOUNS	4	DRIFT		1942-1947	ROODHOUSE	GREENE	10N	11W	23
2306	FERGUSON,O L	FERGUSON		SLOPE		1935-1940	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	10W	19
2307	TATE C C,SEC 20 OR I1	TATE				1938-1942		GREENE	12N	11W	

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2308	WALTZ,E H,OPER ABT 1938	WALTZ		SHAFT				GREENE	12N	11W	1
2309	WHITEHEAD,JOHN H	WHITEHEAD		SLOPE		1937-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	7
2309	SMITH,WILLIS	MERHOFF		SLOPE		1938-1941	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	7
2309	SMITH,HARDIN	SMITH		SLOPE		1941-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	7
2310	HOPPER,,JESSE	HOPPER		SLOPE		1938-1941	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	12
2311	STECKEL,FRED	STECKEL		SHAFT		1939-1943		GREENE	12N	11W	13
2312	FERGUSON,O L	FERGUSON	2	DRIFT		1939-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	10W	19
2313	TATE,D W	BLACK		SHAFT		1935-1938		GREENE	12N	11W	20
2314	LAWSON,CHAS.H.			DRIFT		1940-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2315	DOVE,A G C C,OPER ABT 1939	DOVE		SLOPE			ROCK ISLAND	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2316	BOUNS,JESSE	BOUNS		DRIFT		1934-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2317	ALLEN,W H,	ALLEN	2	DRIFT		1933-1940		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2317	CRAIN,WM	CRAIN		DRIFT		1940-1941	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2317	BOUNS,V A (SEE BOWNS)	BOUNS	2	DRIFT		1940-1940	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2317	BOUNS,V.A.(BOWNS)	BOUNS	1	DRIFT		1941-1941	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2318	GOACHER,EVERETT	GOACHER		SHAFT		1881-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2319	SIMMONS,F M,D4 OR H8	SIMMONS	1	SLOPE	RPB	1937-1943		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2320	HOPPER,THEO	HOPPER		SLOPE		1934-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2320	HOUCK,CHARLEY	HOUCK	2	SLOPE		1939-1940	HERRIN	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2321	ELLIOTT,E A & HARRY	ELLIOTT		SLOPE		1939-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23

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2322	OVERBY,W E	OVERBY	1	SLOPE	RPB	1937-1938		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2322	ARMSTRONG,BEN	ARMSTRONG		SLOPE		1938-1940		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2323	ELLIOTT,LLOYD	ELLIOTT		SLOPE		1937-1938	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2324	BENNER,ALFRED C C	BENNER	1	SLOPE		1935-1937		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2325	CUMMINGS & SONS	CUMMINGS		SLOPE		1938-1939	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2325	CARDWELL,WM	CARDWELL		SLOPE		1939-1940	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2325	HOUCK,CHAS	HOUCK	1	SLOPE		1940-1941	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2325	BOWNS,V A (BOUNS?)	BOWNS		SLOPE		1943-1947	HERRIN	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2326	OVERBY,W E	OVERBY		SLOPE		1930-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2326	DOVE,A G C C	DOVE		DRIFT		1939-1940	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2327	SIMMONS,FRED	SIMMONS		SLOPE		1937-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2327	WARREL,GEO M	WARREL		SLOPE		1937-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2328	GARRISON,JOHN	GARRISON		SLOPE		1940-1942		GREENE	12N	11W	23
2328	WARREL,GEO M	WARREL		SLOPE		1940-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	23
2329	CUMMINGS,ORVAL	CUMMINGS		DRIFT	RPB	1936-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	24
2329	SCHOFIELD,EVERETT	SCHOFIELD		DRIFT		1936-1942	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	24
2330	HARBAUGH,HECTOR	HARBAUGH		DRIFT	RP	1934-1939	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	25
2331	CONLEE,THOMAS H	CONLEE		SHAFT	RPB	1934-1938	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
2331	WYATT,BURL	WYATT		DRIFT		1938-1939	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
2331	WHITEHEAD,JOHN H	WHITEHEAD		DRIFT		1939-1940	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
2332	LITTLE,J H,B6 OR C4	LITTLE		SHAFT	RP	1932-1938		GREENE	12N	11W	29
2332	ELLIOTT,HARRY	ELLIOTT		SHAFT		1938-1939	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
2332	BENTON,TED	BENTON	1	SHAFT		1939-1943	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
2332	GEISLER,HERMAN J			SHAFT		1943-1944	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29

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2333	WHITEHEAD,RALPH	WHITEHEAD	1	SHAFT	RP	1937-1939	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	29
4591	AYRSHIRE COLLIERY	old workings						GREENE	12N	11W	23
6428	SOLOMAN & STURMAN			SHAFT		1903-1904	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6428	COLLINS, A.Y.			SHAFT		1904-1908	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6429	COMMUNITY COAL CO.			SHAFT	RPB	1936-1939	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6430	GREENFIELD MNG CO. IDLE 1918			SHAFT		1917-1921	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6431							HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6432	O'BRIEN & MOORE (IDLE 1927)			SHAFT		1926-1927	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6432	O'BRIEN, JAMES			SHAFT		1927-1928	HOUCHIN CREEK	GREENE	11N	10W	27
6433								GREENE	12N	11W	19
6434								GREENE	12N	10W	15
6435								GREENE	12N	10W	15
6436								GREENE	12N	10W	18
6437								GREENE	12N	11W	19
6438	TATE, D.W.	BLACK MINE		SHAFT		1936-1938	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	21
6439	CUMMINGS, ORVAL			SLOPE		1938-1938		GREENE	12N	11W	23
6439	STECKEL, FRED H.			SLOPE		1938-1939		GREENE	12N	11W	23
6439	CARDWELL, W.M.			SLOPE		1939-		GREENE	12N	11W	23
6442	BENNER C C		1					GREENE	12N	11W	23

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6443			2			-1940		GREENE	12N	11W	23
6445								GREENE	12N	11W	23
6446								GREENE	12N	11W	23
6447	CUMMINGS MINE L-106?					-1942		GREENE	12N	11W	24
6449	MARSHALL & SIMMONS			DRIFT	RP	1937-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	33
6449	MARSHALL & WYATT			DRIFT		1937-1937	COLCHESTER	GREENE	12N	11W	33
6450								GREENE	12N	11W	29
6451								GREENE	12N	11W	30
6452								GREENE	12N	11W	30
7548							COLCHESTER	GREENE	10N	11W	6
7549				SHAFT				GREENE	10N	11W	27