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**Cover photo** Track-mounted duckbill loading machine at a Peabody Coal Company mine, ca. 1915.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Coal has been mined in 76 counties of Illinois. More than 7,400 coal mines have operated since commercial mining began in Illinois about 1810; fewer than 30 are currently active. To detail the extent and location of coal mining in Illinois, the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) has compiled maps and directories of known coal mines. The ISGS offers maps at a scale of 1:100,000 and accompanying directories for each county in which coal mining is known to have occurred. Maps at a scale of 1:24,000 and accompanying directories, such as this, are available for selected quadrangles. Contact the ISGS for a list of these quadrangles.

These larger scale maps show the approximate positions of mines in relation to surface features such as roads and water bodies, and indicate the mining method used and the accuracy of the mine boundaries. The maps are useful for locating mine boundaries relative to specific properties and for assessing the potential for subsidence in an area. Mine boundaries compiled from final mine surveys are generally shown within 200 feet of their true position. As a result of poor cartographic quality and inaccuracies in the original mine surveys, boundaries of some older mines may be mislocated on the map by 500 feet or more. Original mine maps should be consulted in situations that require precise delineation of mine boundaries or internal workings of mined areas.

This directory serves as a key to the accompanying mine map and provides basic information on the coal mines in the quadrangle. The directory is composed of two parts. Part I explains the symbols and patterns used on the accompanying map and the summary data presented for each mine. Part II numerically lists the mines in the quadrangle and summarizes the geology and production history of each mine. Total production for the mine, not the portion in the quadrangle, is given.

## **MINING IN THE MARSEILLES QUADRANGLE**

Mining began in the Marseilles quadrangle as early as 1849 with the opening of the Eureka Mine by Richard Hughes (mine index 7020). Coal mining ended almost 100 years later with the closing of the Marseilles Co-operative Coal Company in 1941 (mine index 404). Most mines in this area were relatively small. Coal was not a major industry in Marseilles, and it was readily available from nearby towns when transported along the I & M Canal and the Illinois River. Along with the coal, clay and gravel were mined in this area. The clay was sometimes mined along with the coal underground, which was the case at the Silver Clay & Coal Mine (mine index 2704), which closed in 1937.

## PART I EXPLANATION OF MAP AND MINE SUMMARY SHEET

### INTERPRETING THE MAP

The map accompanying this directory shows the location of coal mines known to be present in the quadrangle. The map, corresponding to a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle, covers an area bounded by lines of latitude and longitude 7.5-minutes apart. In Illinois, a quadrangle is approximately 6.5 miles east to west and 8.5 miles north to south, an area of about 56 square miles. The USGS generally offers one map of mines per quadrangle. In some areas where extensive mining occurred in two or more overlapping seams, separate maps are compiled for mines in each seam to maintain readability of the map.

#### **Mine Type and Mining Method**

The mine type is indicated on the map by pattern color: green represents surface mines; red and yellow represent underground mines. The red patterns are used for areas of underground mining that are documented by a primary or secondary source map. A yellow pattern is used for cases where no map of the mine workings is available, but a general area of mining can be inferred from property maps or production figures. The patterns indicate the main mining methods used in underground mines. The methods are (1) room and pillar and (2) high extraction. The method used gives some indication of the amount and pattern of coal extraction within each mined area, and has some influence on the timing and type of subsidence that can occur over a mine.

The following discussion and illustrations of mining methods are based on Guither et al. (1984).

In room-and-pillar mines, coal is removed from haulage-ways (entries) and selected areas called rooms. Pillars of unmined coal are left between the rooms to support the roof. Depending on the size of rooms and pillars, the amount of coal removed from the production areas will range from 40% to 70%.

**Room and Pillar** - mining is divided into six categories:

- room-and-pillar basic (RPB, fig. 1A), an early method that did not follow a preset mining plan and therefore resulted in very irregular designs;
- modified room and pillar (MRP, fig. 1B);
- room-and-pillar panel (RPP, fig. 1C);
- blind room and pillar (BRP, fig. 1D);
- checkerboard room and pillar (CRP, fig. 1E);
- room and pillar (RP), a classification used when the specific type of room-and-pillar mining is unknown.

Blind and checkerboard are the most common types of room-and-pillar mining used in Illinois today. The knowledge of room-and-pillar mining methods gives a trained engineer information on the nature of subsidence that may occur. A more extensive discussion of subsidence can be found in Bauer et al. (1993).

**High-extraction** These mining methods are subdivided into high-extraction retreat (HER, Fig 1F) and longwall (LW, Fig 1G, 1H). In these methods, much of the coal is removed within well defined areas of the mine. Subsidence of the surface above these areas occurs within weeks. Once the subsidence activity ceases, the potential for further movement over these areas is low; however, subsidence may continue for several years after mining.

High-extraction retreat mining is a form of room-and-pillar mining that extracts most of the coal. Rooms and pillars are developed in the panels, and the pillars are then systematically removed (fig. 1F).

In early (pre-1960) longwall mines, mining advanced in multiple directions from a central shaft (fig. 1G). Large pillars of coal were left around the shaft, but all coal was removed beyond these pillars. Miners placed rock and wooden props and cribs in the mined-out areas to support the mine roof. The overlying rock gradually settled onto these supports, thus producing subsidence at the surface. In post-1959 longwall mines, room-and-pillar methods have been used to develop the main entries of the mine and panel areas. Modern longwall methods extract 100 percent of the coal in the panel areas (fig. 1H).

## SOURCE MAPS

Mine outlines depicted on the map are, whenever possible, based on maps made from original mine surveys. The process of compiling and digitizing the quadrangle map may produce errors of less than 200 feet in the location of mine boundaries. Larger errors of 500 feet or more are possible for mines that have incomplete or inaccurate source maps.

Because of the extreme complexity of some mine maps, detailed features of mined areas have been omitted. The digitized mine boundary includes the exterior boundary of all rooms or entries that were at least 80 feet wide or protruded 500 feet from the main mining area. Unmined areas between mines are shown if they are at least 80 feet wide; unmined blocks of coal within mines are shown if they are at least 400 feet on each side. Original source maps should be consulted when precise information on mine boundaries or interior features is needed.

The mine summary sheet lists the source maps used to determine each mine outline. The completeness of map sources is indicated on the map by a line symbol at the mine boundary. Source maps are organized in five categories.

**Final mine map** The mine outline was digitized from an original map made from mine surveys conducted within a few months after production ceased. The date of the map and the last reported production are listed on the summary sheet.

**Not a final map** The mine is currently active or the mine outline was made from a map based on mine surveys conducted more than a few months before production ceased. This implies the actual mined-out area is probably larger than the outline on the map. The mine summary sheet indicated the dates of source maps and the last reported production, as well as the approximate tonnage mined between these two dates (if the mine is abandoned). The summary sheet also lists the approximate acreage mined since the date of the map and, in some cases, indicates the area where additional mining may have taken place. This latter information is determined by locating on the map the active faces relative to probable boundaries of the mine property.

**Undated map** The source map was undated, so it may or may not be based on a final mine survey. When sufficient data are available, the probable acreage of the mined area is estimated from reported production, average seam thickness and a recovery rate comparable to other mines in the area. This information is listed in the summary sheet for the mine.

**Incomplete map** The source map did not show the entire mine. The summary sheet indicates the missing part of the mine map and the acreage of the unmapped area, which is estimated from the amount of coal known to have been produced from the mine.

**Secondary source map** The original mine map was not found so the outline shown was determined from secondary sources (e.g., outlines from small-scale regional maps published in other reports). The summary sheet describes the secondary sources.

## POINTS AND LABELS

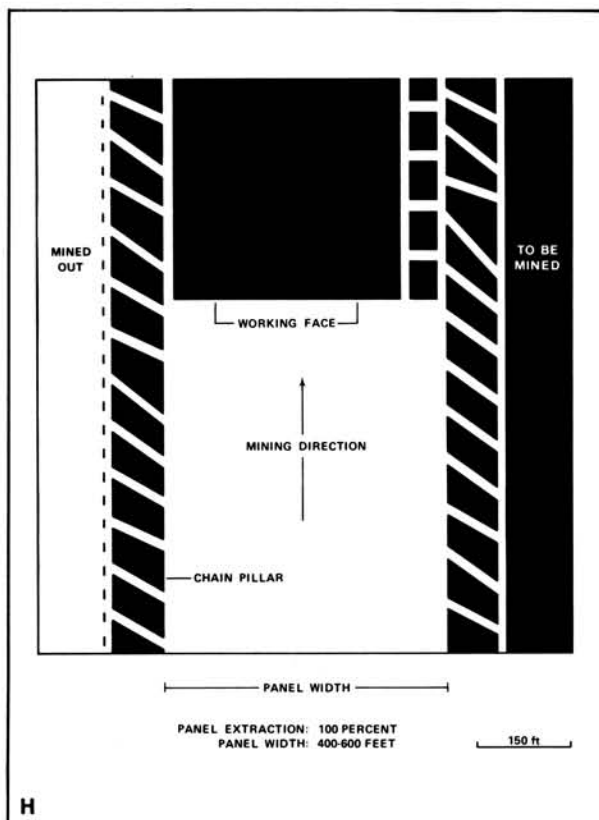
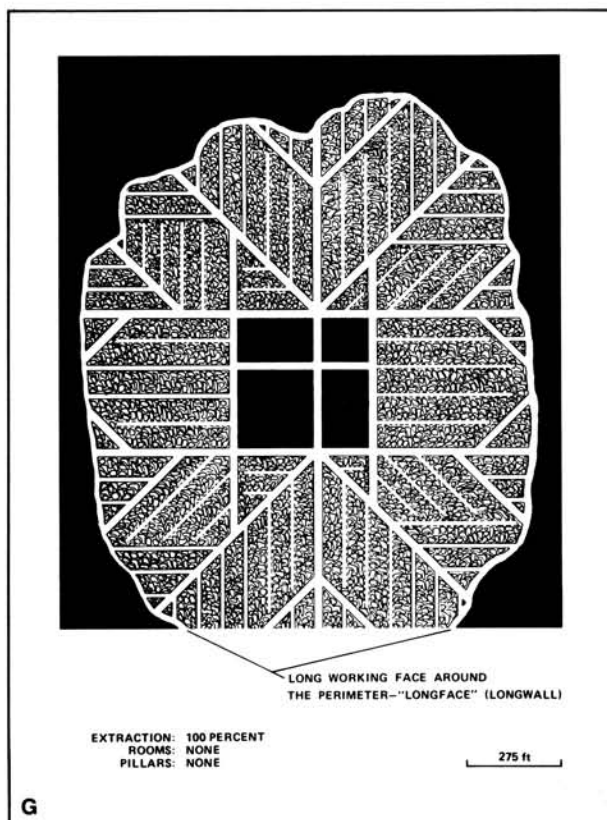
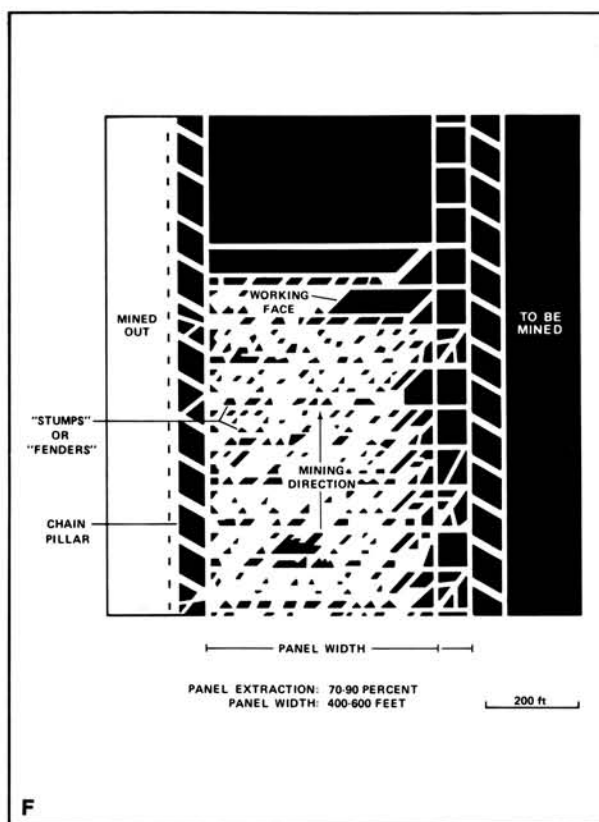
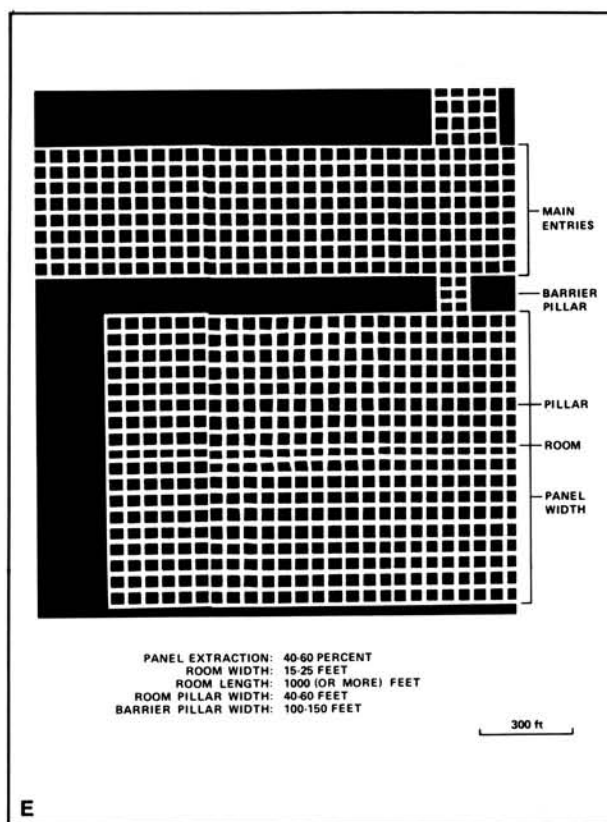
The locations of all known mine openings (shafts, slopes, and drifts) and surface mine tipples are plotted on the map. Tipples are areas where coal was cleaned, stockpiled, and loaded for shipping.

Only openings or tipples are plotted for mines without source maps. If the precise locations of these features are unknown, a special symbol is used to indicate the approximate location of the mine.

Each mine on the map is labeled with the names of the mine and operating company, ISGS mine index number, and years of operation (if known) if space permits. A seam designation is given on maps where more than one seam was mined. For a mine that operated under more than one name, only the most recent name is generally given. When a mine changed names or ownership shortly before closing, an earlier name is listed. All company and mine names are listed on the mine summary sheet in the directory, under the production history segment.



**Figure 1** Mining methods: (A) room-and-pillar basic (RPB), (B) modified room and pillar (MRP), (C) room-and-pillar panel (RPP), (D) blind room and pillar (BRP).



**Figure 1 (cont.)** Mining methods: (E) checkerboard room and pillar (CRP), (F) high extraction retreat (HER), (G) early (pre-1960) longwall, (H) post-1959 longwall



**Figure 2** Generalized stratigraphic section, showing approximate vertical relations of coals in Illinois.

## INTERPRETING A MINE SUMMARY SHEET

The mine summary sheet is arranged numerically by mine index number. Index numbers are shown on the map and in the mine listing. The mine summary sheet provides the following information (if available).

**Company and mine name** The last company or owner of the mine is used, unless no production was recorded for the last owner. In that case, the penultimate owner is listed. Mines often have no specific name; in these cases, the company name is also used as the mine name.

**Type** *Underground* denotes a subsurface mine in which the coal was reached through a shaft, slope, or a drift entry. *Surface* denotes a surface, open pit or strip mine.

**Total mined-out acreage shown** The total acreage of the mined area mapped, including any acreage mined on adjacent quadrangles, is calculated from the digitized outline of the mine. The acreage of large barrier pillars depicted on the map is excluded from the mined-out acreage. Small pillars not digitized are included in the acreage calculation. If the mine outline is not based on a final mine map, the acreage is followed by an estimate of additional acres that may have been mined. The estimate is determined from reported mine production, approximate thickness of the coal, and recovery rates calculated from nearby mines that used similar mining methods.

## SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT OR TIPPLE LOCATIONS

**Shaft, slope, drift, or tippie locations** Locations of all known former entry points to underground mines or the location of coal cleaning, tippie, and shipping equipment used by the mine's facility are listed. The location is described in terms of county, township and range (Twp-Rge), section, and location within the section by quarters. NE SW NW, for instance, would describe the location in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter. When sections are irregular in size, the quarters remain the same size and are oriented (or "registered") from the southeast corner of the section. Approximate footage from the section lines (FEL = from east line, FNL = from north line, for example) is given when that information is known; this indicates a surveyed location and is not derived from maps. Entry points are also plotted on the map and coded for the type of entry or tippie. A mine opening may have had many purposes during the life of the mine. Old hoist shafts are often later used for air and escape shafts; this information is included in the directory when known. The tippie for underground mines was generally located near the main shaft or slope. At surface mines, coal was sometimes hauled to a central tippie several miles from the mine pit.

## GEOLOGY

**Seam(s) mined** The name of the coal seam(s) mined is listed, if known. If multiple seams were mined, they are all listed, although the mined-out area for each seam may be shown on separate maps. Figure 2 shows the stratigraphic section of the coal-bearing interval in Illinois, and the vertical relations among the coals.

**Depth** The depth to the top of the seam in the vicinity of the shaft is listed, if known. The depth is determined from notes made by geologists who visited the mine during its operation or from drill hole data in ISGS files. Depth generally varies little over the extent of a mine; however, reported depths for an individual mine may vary. Depth for surface-mined coals varies, and is usually represented as a range.

**Thickness** The approximate thickness of the mined seam is shown, if known. Thickness also comes from notes of geologists who visited the mine during its operation or from borehole data in ISGS files. Minimum, maximum, and average thicknesses are given when this information is available.

**Mining method** The principal mining method used at the mine (figs. 1A-H) is listed. See the mining methods section at the beginning of this directory for a discussion of this parameter.

**Geologic problems reported** Any known geologic problems, such as faults, water seepage, floor heaving, and unstable roof, encountered in the mine are reported. This information is from notes made by ISGS geologists who visited the mine, or from reports by mine inspectors published by the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals, or from the source map(s). Geologic problems are not reported for active mines.

## PRODUCTION HISTORY

**Production history** Tons of coal produced from the mine by each mine owner are totaled. When the source map used for the mine outline is not a final mine map, the tonnage produced since the date of the map is identified. For mines that extend into adjacent quadrangles, the tonnage reported includes areas mined in adjacent quadrangles.

## SOURCE OF DATA

**Source map** This section lists information about the map(s) used to compile the mine outline and the locations of tipples and mine openings. In some cases more than one source map was used. For example, a map drawn before the mine closed may provide better information on original areas of the mine than a later map. When more than one map was used, the bibliography section explains what information was taken from each source.

**Date** The date of the most recent mine survey listed on the source map is reported.

**Original scale** The original scale of the source map is listed. Many maps are photo-reductions and are no longer at their original scale. The original scale gives some indication of the level of detail of the mine outline and the accuracy of the mine boundary relative to surface features. Generally, the larger the scale, the greater the accuracy and detail of the mine map. Mine outlines taken from source maps at scales smaller than 1:24,000 may be highly generalized and may well be inaccurately located with respect to surface features.

**Digitized scale** The scale of the digitized map is reported. The scale may be different from that of the original source map. In many cases the digitized map was made from a photo-reduction of the original source map, or the source map was not in a condition suitable for digitizing and the mine boundaries were transferred to another base map.

**Map type** Source maps are classified into five categories to indicate the probable completeness of the map. See discussion of source maps in the previous section.

**Annotated bibliography** Sources that provide information about the mine are listed, with the data taken from each source. Some commonly used sources are described below. Full bibliographic references are given for all other sources. Unless otherwise noted, all sources are available for public inspection at the ISGS.

**Coal Reports** Published since 1881, these reports contain tabular data on mine ownership, production, employment, and accidents. Some volumes include short descriptions made by mine inspectors of physical features and conditions in selected mines.

**Directory of Illinois Coal Mines** This source is a compilation of basic data about Illinois coal mines, originally gathered by ISGS staff in the early 1950s. Sources used for this directory are undocumented, but they are primarily Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals annual reports, ISGS mine notes, and coal company officials.

**ENR Document 85/01**, Guither, H. D., J. K. Hines, and R. A. Bauer, 1985 The Economic Effect of Underground Mining Upon Land Used for Illinois Agriculture: Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources Document 85/01, 185 p.

**Microfilm map** The U.S. Bureau of Mines maintains a microfilm archive of mine maps. A microfilm file for Illinois is available for public viewing at the ISGS.

*Mine notes* ISGS geologists have visited mines or contacted mine officials throughout the state since the early 1900s. Notes made during these visits range from brief descriptions of the mine location to long narratives (including sketches) of mining conditions and geology.

*Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, Preliminary Reports on Subsidence Investigations* Mining engineers working for the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis mapped areas of subsidence due to coal mining in the early 1930s. These reports often include county maps of mine properties with mined-out areas including shaft locations, as well as subsidence areas.

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Guither, H. D., J. K. Hines, and R. A. Bauer, 1985, The Economic Effects of Underground Mining Upon Land Used for Illinois Agriculture, Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources Document 85/01, 185p.



## PART II DIRECTORY OF MINES IN THE MARSEILLES QUADRANGLE

### MINE SUMMARY SHEETS

A summary sheet on the geology and production history of each mine in the Marseilles Quadrangle is provided. These summary sheets are arranged numerically by mine index number. Consult Part I for a complete explanation of the data listed in the summary sheet.

#### Mine Index 404

#### South Side Coal Company, South Side Mine

Type: Underground Total mined-out acreage shown: 136 Production indicates approximately 6 acres were mined after the map date. The area depicted is smaller than expected for the reported production. The map showing the oldest part of the mine shows the earliest survey date of November 1913. The general area of mining shown on the accompanying map may be too small to accurately depict the mining from 1892 to the 1913 survey. The mine should total approximately 200 acres.

#### SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Main shaft	La Salle	33N 4E	25	NE NW NE
Escape shaft	La Salle	33N 4E	25	NE NW NE

#### GEOLOGY

Seam(s) Mined	Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)			Mining Method
		Min	Max	Avg	
Colchester	90-110			2.5-5.0	LW

**Geologic Problems Reported:** The source map showed water prevented expansion in the east-southeast part of the mine. The coal contained pyrite lenses that were very difficult to separate from the coal. The seam also contained bone coal layers and a gypsum band up to 1 inch thick that was persistent throughout the mine.

#### PRODUCTION HISTORY

Company	Mine Name	Years	Production (tons)
Marseilles Land & Water Improvement Co.	Marseilles	1892-1902	174,624
Marseilles Coal Mining Company	Marseilles	1902-1905	66,213
Manufacturers Coal Company	Galloway	1905-1928	756,899
South Side Coal Company	South Side	1928-1931	16,830 *
Illinois Valley Coal Company	Illinois Valley	1932-1933	19,827
Illinois Valley Coal Company	Illinois Valley	1933-1933	9,844 *
Marseilles & Ottawa Coal Company	Marseilles & Ottawa	1934-1938	22,641
Illinois Valley Coal Company	Illinois Valley	1938-1939	4,278
Marseilles Co-operative Coal Company	Marseilles Co-operative	1940-1941	4,461
			<u>1,075,657</u>

\* Production after map date

Last reported production: 1941

#### SOURCES OF DATA

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
Microfilm, document 352440	10-19-1928	1:1200	1:2234	Not final
Company, 4103.L32 i5.1-6	8-28-1941	1:600	1:600	Final
Microfilm, document 352398	4-5-1933	1:1200	1:1986	Not final

#### Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

Coal Reports - Production, ownership, years of operation, thickness.

Mine notes (La Salle County) - Mine type, shaft location, seam, depth, thickness, geologic problems.

Microfilm map, document 352440, reel 03139, frame 116 - Shaft locations, mine outline, method, geologic problems.

Company map, ISGS map library 4103.L32 i5.1-6 - Partial outline (SW part of mine), mining method.

Microfilm map, document 352398, reel 03139, frame 49 - Partial outline (NW part of mine), mining method.

**Mine Index 2696**  
**Smith Brothers, Smith Mine**

Type: Underground    Total mined-out acreage shown: None; production indicates less than 1 acre was mined.

**SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS**

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Mine	La Salle	33N 4E	10	SE NW SE

**GEOLOGY**

Seam(s) Mined	Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)			Mining Method
		Min	Max	Avg	
Colchester	89			2.2-2.5	Underground

Geologic Problems Reported: The coal contained pyrite and aragonite, sometimes permeating the lower 3 to 4 inches of the coal. That portion of the seam was discarded.

**PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Company	Mine Name	Years	Production (tons)
Sam Smith	Smith	1933-1933 *	1,000
Smith Brothers	Smith	1934-1934	375
			<u>1,375</u>

\* Field notes written in 1931 indicate the mine was active before reported production. Production was not reported for mines producing less than 1,000 tons per year from 1930 to 1933.

Last reported production: 1934

**SOURCES OF DATA**

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
ISGS field notes (H. B. Wilman)	1931	(text only)	1:24000 **	Secondary source

\*\* The mine location was plotted on a 1:24000 USGS topographic map from the mine location description and digitized.

Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

Coal Reports - Production, ownership, years of operation, mine type.  
 Directory of Illinois Coal Mines (La Salle County) - Mine names, mine index, ownership, years of operation.  
 Mine notes (La Salle County) - Mine location.  
 ISGS field notes (La Salle County) - Mine location, depth, thickness, geologic problems.

**Mine Index 2702**  
**Marseilles Mine**

Type: Underground    Total mined-out acreage shown: None

**SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS**

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Shaft	La Salle	33N 5E	17	SE SE SW

**GEOLOGY**

Seam(s) Mined	Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)			Mining Method
		Min	Max	Avg	
Colchester	100			2.7	Underground

Geologic Problems Reported: The coal was underlain by 9 feet of fire clay.

**PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Company	Mine Name	Years	Production (tons)
	Marseilles *	circa 1892	

\* The mine is included in the 1892 Atlas on Elvin J. Ward's land. Ward may have operated the mine, or the mine may have been leased by another. R. F. Harrington (mine index 5750), and Carney Brothers (mine index 5747) both operated in 1892 and the locations of these mines are unknown (see the unlocated mines at the back of this report). The shaft location is near the 1892 corporate boundary and is referred to as Marseilles Mine, but the operating name and company and the years of operation are unknown. The mine may have been abandoned when the shaft was noted in the ISGS field notes by G. H. Cady and L. W. Currier in their July 1917 ISGS field notes and was probably abandoned when visited by Currier again in 1922.

Last reported production:

**SOURCES OF DATA**

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
Atlas of La Salle County	1892	1:31680	1:39600	Secondary source

Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

Coal Reports - Production, ownership, years of operation.  
 Directory of Illinois Coal Mines (La Salle County) - Mine names, mine index, ownership, years of operation.  
 ISGS field notes (La Salle County) - Shaft location, mine type, depth, thickness, geologic problems.  
 Atlas of La Salle County, published by Alden Ogle & Co., 1892 - Shaft location.

**Mine Index 2704**  
**Silver Clay & Coal Company, Silver Mine**

Type: Underground    Total mined-out acreage shown: 12    Less than 1 acre was mined after the map date.

**SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS**

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Main shaft	La Salle	33N 5E	21	NW SE NW
Air shaft	La Salle	33N 5E	21	NW SE NW
Slope *	La Salle	33N 5E	21	NW SE NW

\* A cross section of a slope is shown on the 1938 source map, but not the location of the slope on the ground surface. The slope is not shown on the accompanying map, but it is east of the air shaft.

**GEOLOGY**

Seam(s) Mined	Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)			Mining Method
		Min	Max	Avg	
Colchester	85-100			2.67-2.83	RP, LW **

\*\* The Coal Reports indicated that room and pillar mining took place from 1909 to 1911. Longwall mining was reported for all other years. All mining from 1918 to 1937 was room and pillar mining, and clay was mined along with the coal.

Geologic Problems Reported: A few slips were noted in the coal with a displacement of about 6 inches. The underclay was 6 feet to 15 feet thick and was mined along with the coal.

**PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Company	Mine Name	Years	Production (tons)
Kickapoo Coal Company	Kickapoo	1906-1907	667
Spicer Coal Company	Spicer	1907-1912	36,769
Abandoned		1912-1918	
Chicago Fire Brick Company	Chicago Fire Brick	1918-1921 ***	6,422
Chicago Fire Brick Company	Chicago Fire Brick	1921-1921	660 †
Abandoned		1922-1933	
Kickapoo Mining Company	Kickapoo	1934-1936	787
Silver Clay & Coal Company	Silver	1937-1937	248
			45,553

\*\*\* Bulletin 38 states on page 391, "The Chicago Firebrick Company is reopening the entries of the old Spicer Coal Company's mine 2 miles east of Marseilles with the intention of obtaining the clay which here is at a depth of about 90 feet. The clay is worked from a new face at the outer margin of the former mine by the room and pillar system."

† Production after map date.

Last reported production: 1937

**SOURCES OF DATA**

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
Microfilm, document 352418	9-19-1921	1:1200	1:2566	Not final ††
Microfilm, document 352427	1-5-1938	1:1200	1:993	Final

†† The map is final for the longwall mining in the main body of the mine and not final for the room & pillar mining in the northern part of the mine.

Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

Coal Reports - Production, ownership, years of operation, depth, thickness, mining method.

Mine notes (La Salle County) - Mine type, shaft location, seam, depth, thickness.

Microfilm map, document 352418, reel 03139, frame 90 - Shaft locations, mine outline, mining methods.

Microfilm map, document 352427, reel 03139, frame 101 - Shaft locations, mine outline (SE part), mining methods.

ISGS field notes (La Salle County) - Depth, thickness, geologic problems.

DeWolf, F. W, et al., 1922, Year Book for 1917 and 1918, ISGS Bulletin 38 - Ownership.

**Mine Index 7020**  
**Richard Hughes, Eureka Mine**

Type: Underground    Total mined-out acreage shown: None

**SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS**

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Mine	La Salle	33N 5E	18	SE *

\* The mine location description was in Gumm's ravine north of the canal, north of Lincoln School (as of 1976). This description did not allow an accurate depiction of the mine location on the accompanying map, and the mine is shown with an uncertain location point symbol.

**GEOLOGY**

Seam(s) Mined	Depth (ft)	Thickness (ft)			Mining Method
		Min	Max	Avg	

Geologic Problems Reported:

**PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Company	Mine Name	Years	Production (tons)
Richard Hughes	Eureka	1849-	unknown **

\*\* The production and closing year of operation for this early mine are unknown.

Last reported production:

**SOURCES OF DATA**

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
The Story of Marseilles	1976	(text only)	1:24000 ***	Secondary source

\*\*\* The mine location was plotted on a 1:24000 USGS topographic map from the mine location description and digitized.

Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

Coal Reports - Production, ownership, years of operation.  
 Directory of Illinois Coal Mines (La Salle County) - Mine names, mine index, ownership, years of operation.  
 ENR Document 85/01 - Mining method.  
 Mine notes (La Salle County) - Mine type, shaft location, seam, depth, thickness.  
The Story of Marseilles, Prepared by the Marseilles Bicentennial Commission, 1976, 99pgs. - Mine location.

## OTHER MINES SHOWN ON MARSEILLES QUADRANGLE

Mine Index 5625 SE SE NW 17-T33N-R5E source: ISGS field notes (H. B. Willman, 1931)  
Mine Index 5626 SW SE NW 17-T33N-R5E source: ISGS field notes (H. B. Willman, 1931)  
Mine index 5627 NW NE SE 18-T33N-R5E source: ISGS field notes (Cady-Currier, 1917)

## NON-COAL MINES IN THE MARSEILLES QUADRANGLE

### Chicago Firebrick Company Clay Mine

#### SHAFT, SLOPE, DRIFT or TIPPLE LOCATIONS

Type	County	Township-Range	Section	Quarters-Footage
Shaft	La Salle	33N 5E	21	SW NE NW

#### SOURCES OF DATA

Source Map	Date	Original Scale	Digitized Scale	Map Type
ISGS Bulletin 38	1922	(text only)	1:24000	Secondary source

#### Annotated Bibliography (data source, brief description of information)

ISGS Bulletin 38, 1922, 474pg. - Mine location.

## MINES WHOSE LOCATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN, MARSEILLES QUADRANGLE

The locations of the following mines are unknown, but the production tonnage, operating names, and nearest town were reported in the Annual Coal Reports. The operators listed below mined in or near the Marseilles Quadrangle. The information shown is similar to that presented on the summary sheets in the previous pages of this directory. The first item is the name the mine operated under as listed in the Coal Report, then the years the mine reported. If no physical data are available, the next item listed is the total tons produced by the mine. If physical data are available, the order of presentation is as follows: type of opening for the mine (drift, slope or shaft), seam, depth of coal in feet, and thickness of coal in feet.

The total tons mined by these unlocated mines is 108,576 (102,201 underground, 3,649 surface mined and 2,676 mined by unknown method), which would represent approximately 22 to 46 acres, depending on the recovery factor, mining method, and numerous other factors. (Note: 1 square mile = 640 acres)

Blank (Joe), 1916-1917	not reported	mine index 5720
Lucas (James), 1916-1917	not reported	mine index 5721

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Mitchell & Jackson, 1882-1884, shaft, Colchester, 90, 3.0	16,630 tons	mine index 5746
Shelton (John), 1881-1882, shaft, Colchester, 100-165, 3.0, LW	12,000 tons	mine index 5747
Shelton (Philip), 1882-1885	21,425 tons	
Spicer (E. H.), 1885-1886	2,700 tons	
Watkins & Love, 1886-1888	8,200 tons	
Carney Brothers, 1888-1892	21,700 tons	
Drake (J. L.), 1892-1893	<u>4,000 tons</u>	
	70,025 tons	

Harrington (R. F.), 1893-1894, drift, —, 20, 2.5-2.67, RP	1,568 tons	mine index 5750
Harrington (J. D.), 1894-1895, (production not reported, "almost no work done during the year")		
Corrigan (James) & Son, 1919-1923	2,324 tons	mine index 5751
Corrigan Brothers, 1923-1924	150 tons	
Corrigan (Mike), 1924-1926	102 tons	
Corrigan Coal Company, 1927-1927	<u>100 tons</u>	
	2,676 tons	
Baldwin (Charles) & Gilbert (G. G.), 1931-1931, underground	12,762 tons	
Congress Construction Company, 1934-1934, surface	1,500 tons	
Marseilles Strip Mine, 1934-1935, surface	2,019 tons	
Martin (J. L.), 1936-1936	<u>130 tons</u>	
	2,149 tons	
Faletto Brothers Coal Company, 1934-1935, underground	416 tons	
Decker (W. F.) & Sons, 1935-1935, underground	800 tons	

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