

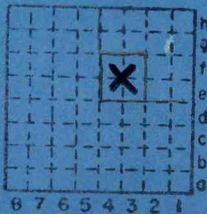
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E. & B. COAL COMPANY

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MINE NO. 3 (CRENSHAW)
Strip Mine

Mine Index No. 972978

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E. & B. Coal Co. Mine No. 3 (?) Crenshaw, Williamson County, Ill. Notes by John Nelson, 8/8/77.

This is a new mine, just being opened. At the time of my visit no digging was taking place. Two small steam shovels and a bulldozer were the only heavy equipment on the premises. Three men were repairing one of the shovels.

A very small pit had been dug nearby. About 10 feet of glacial drift had been stripped away, exposing the top of a coal seam. I believe this is the Herrin (No. 6) Coal. People at E. & B. No. 1 had told me both the No. 5 and No. 6 Coals will be mined here. Geologic observations will have to await further excavation.

The pit is located just west of the C.B. & Q. R.R. tracks and about 0.7 miles north of the east-west dirt road that runs through Crenshaw Crossing (see Johnston City 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ min. quadrangle map). This puts it about in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, 8S-2E, Williamson County. It is almost surrounded by old strip mines and evidently is just a small patch of coal missed by earlier operators.

E. & B. COAL COMPANY MINE NO. 3 (CRENSHAW) WILLIAMSON
COUNTY.

Note by John Nelson 8/31/77

On this date I visited E.& B. Mine No. 2 near Spillertown with Don McKay of the I.S.G.S. I met Jerry Davis, a boss at that mine, and he told me that Mine No. 3 was closed and abandoned without having mined any coal. A small pit was opened and the No. 6 Coal exposed but apparently it was found to be too deeply weathered or otherwise unsuitable for mining. The company considered digging deeper for the No. 5 Coal, but abandoned that idea because the overburden would be too thick for the equipment. So E.& B. pulled out and abandoned the mine.

CRENSHAW COAL CO. NO. 3

First reported production at this mine was in June 1977. By November of 1978 the mine had closed and the land had been reclaimed. No visits to the site were made by members of the Coal Section while the mine was active.

Mine site was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Crenshaw Crossing, just west of railroad tracks. The area had been extensively stripped by earlier operators, and so Crenshaw had only a small block of coal to work with.

John Nelson
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