

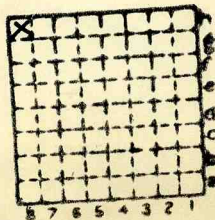


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For further information,
especially on early working
of this mine see correspon-
dence file # 361-14

Litchfield Coal Co. #1

Co. # 170



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Ref- correspondence dated 1/7/63 from J. A. Simon
to Mrs. Ida M. Simpson
Executive Secretary
Litchfield Chamber of Commerce
Litchfield, Ill.

Mines which operated in the vicinity of Litchfield.

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The first mine was opened in the year 1872 and a second shaft was sunk in 1877. the coal was mined by longwall methods. The shaft is reported to have been 505 to 520 feet deep with coal averaging $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet. This coal lies below the No. 6 coal which is the principal coal mined in the county. During most years of operation this mine employed 25 to 30 men. In 1883, however, 125 men were reported on the payroll. Of the 110 men underground during that year, 10 were reported to be under 16 years of age. These shafts were in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, E-8N, R-5W, and were abandoned in 1899. The reports since 1882 show the mine operated under the following names:

Litchfield Coal Company
Litchfield Mining and Manufacturing Co.
Litchfield Mining Co., Limited
Almagamated Coal and Timber Corp.

Figures on production are not available prior to 1882, but estimating pre-1882 production with

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subsequent production, it is estimated that this mine produced a total of as much as 300,000 tons. The reports show that the market price of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton at the mine was 25 to 30 cents higher than other mines in the county which operated at the ~~mine~~ same time. Highest wages were also paid, in this mine (up to 80 cents per ton).

714 A mine was opened in 1895 in Section 32, T-9N, R-5W. This mine was reported to have been sunk originally to a depth of 535 feet where the coal was reported to be 3 feet to more ~~than~~ than 6 feet thick. This was undoubtedly the same coal worked in the older Litchfield Coal Company mine. During the first year of operation, however, a test hole was drilled in the bottom of the shaft and thicker coal was encountered. The shaft was deepened to 684 feet reportedly and mining subsequently was entirely from this lower seam which reportedly averaged close to 6 feet in thickness. This mine was worked by room and pillar methods. Total production from this mine was over one million tons. A peak production of 105,114 tons was achieved in 1904. Throughout most of the ~~years~~ years of its operation prior to 1915, this mine employed 75 to more than 150 men. This coal of uncertain correlation is called the Litchfield Coal by the Illinois State Geological Survey and is correlated with the Rock Island (No. 1) Coal of northwestern Illinois. This mine was abandoned in 1914. The mine was operated under the following names:



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Litchfield Mining and Power Co., NW Mine
Illinois Colliery Co., No. 7 Mine
Litchfield Coal Company

The coal reports show that the Litchfield Coal and Mining Company began operations in 1920 and operated as a truck mine until the spring of 1925, producing a total of something over 30,000 tons. We have long thought that this mine simply reopened the mine abandoned in 1914. A mine map in our files for this mine, however, indicates that this may have been a new mine. Undoubtedly there are old time residents of Litchfield that can clarify this matter. (J. A. Simon thinks this operation was probably in the upper seam in the old shaft.)



Mine originally operated by: (1)

Date

1883

Litchfield Coal Co.

Original name or number: /

Illinois Coal Report p.

LATER OPERATORS

Date Operator Name or No.

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* Also owners

#See ownership sheet

Railroad, Wagon, Idle, Abandoned 1900

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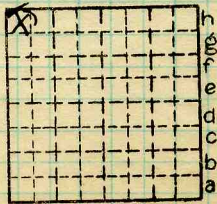
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COAL MINE OPERATOR

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(1 Sheets) COAL PRODUCTION (Sheet 1)

Period		Tons
Mo. Day Year	Mo. Day Year	
OPENED	1872	100 000
	EST. Pre 1883	
SECOND SHAFT SUNK	1877	
	1883	25 000
	84	10 717
	85	8 957
	86	8 666
	87	10 220
	88	11 241
	89	13 288
	1890	15 320
	81	16 310
	82	17 420
	83	20 320
	84	NO DATA
	85	8 746
	86	9 470
	87	11 626
	88	12 400
	89	5 820
	1900	NOT LISTED
(1883-1899) SUBTOTAL		205 521

No.	SUMMARIES to No.	TOTAL PRODUCTION EST.	
1872	1899		300 000 ±

Railroad, Wagon, Strip, Idle, Abandoned

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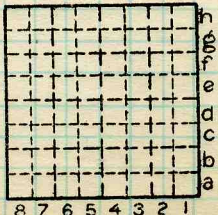
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COAL MINE—PRODUCTION

ILLINOIS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA





(Sheets)

COAL PRODUCTION

(Sheet)

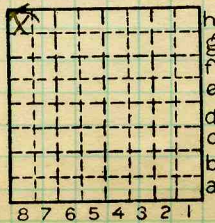
Period						Tons
Mo.	Day	Year	Mo.	Day	Year	

SUMMARIES

No.	to	No.			

Railroad, Wagon, Idle, Abandoned IDENTIFICATION

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LOCATION AND ELEVATION

Location: side R. R.
 side R. R.
 side Highway No.

on top. map Location sheet

Elevation: Method, 1. Est. () _____ ft.
 2. Inst. (kind _____) _____ ft.

By _____ Data sheet

DEPTH

Authority To coal _____ ft.
 Authority Rail to rail _____ ft.
 Top of coal above rail. (Est. Rule) _____ ft.
 To coal _____ ft.

ALTITUDE OF TOP OF COAL

By estimated data _____
 By instrumental data _____ ft.

Thickness

Max. in. Min. in. Aver. 48 in.

GEOLOGICAL DATA

Mine notes, date _____

Coop No. Pyr. inv. Coal Ash inv.

CHEMICAL DATA

Analyses Face	U. I.	B. M.	Others
Car	U. I.	B. M.	Others
Org. Sulf	U. I.	B. M.	Others
Ash fusion	U. I.	B. M.	Others
Ash anal.	U. I.	B. M.	Others
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Classification

Misc. tests: Coking. Cleaning Boiler

Published descriptions:—

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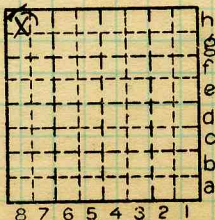
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COAL MINE LOCATION AND DATA



Town, *Litchfield* Surface alt., ft.
 Local Authority, *By JCG* Depth to coal, ft.
Shaft: 525' Alt. top coal, ft.
 Level: Auth., *3'6"* Thickness: Av. *48* in.
 Method, *which shaft?* Max. in., Min. in.

R. R., *W 9C CB+2* T. *SW* Sec. *3*
8 N

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(Show R. R.)

1872-1900 Operator Mine Name or No.

19 *Litchfield Mining Co. Ltd. Litchfield*
Southeast

Successor to
 Date
 Succeeded by *Amalgamated Coal + Timber Corp*
 Date *Reuben Williams Pres.*
 Succeeded by *616 Mich Blvd*
 Date *Chicago*

PRODUCTION.

								U. S. No.
19	<i>50</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>?</i>					<i>Local</i> <i>26 mph</i>

Geol. Notes? Coop. No. Coal secs?
 Analyses No.
 Examined by Ref.

Coal bed name: *Local* Survey No. *2?*
 County *Montgomery* Index No. *1500*
K.-ACTIVE SHIPPING OR LOCAL COAL MINE.

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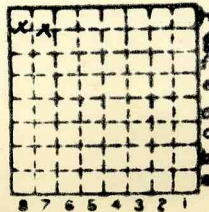
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8N-5W
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SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FILED IN
CTY #170 MONTGOMERY CTY

See correspondence file #361-14
for further information on this
mine.

Litchfield M & M. Co.
Amalgamated Coal & Timber
Corp.
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Mine originally operated by: (1) **LITCHFIELD COAL CO.**
Date **1883 COAL REPORT** **LITCHFIELD**

#1 - 1872
#2 - 1877

Original name or number: **2 shafts**
Illinois Coal Report p.

LATER OPERATORS

Date Operator Name or No.

2 **1899** **Abandoned**

3 **1890 Litchfield M & M Co**

4 **1900? Amalgamated Coal & Timber Corp.**

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Railroad, Wagon, Idle, Abandoned **sunk 1872 #1 #2 sunk 1877**

1900-1899

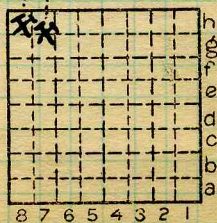
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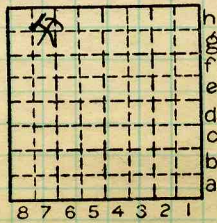
Period						Tons
Mo.	Day	Year	Mo.	Day	Year	

SUMMARIES

No.	to	No.				

Railroad, Wagon, Idle, Abandoned
IDENTIFICATION

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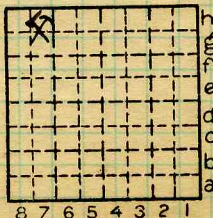
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