Herrin Coal Elevation
CUMBERLAND County

Map Explanation

The Herrin Coal position about the middle of a large coal field of southeastern Illinois. This coal is not as well developed as some nearby fields of southern Illinois, but has been mined since the latter part of the 19th century. Much of the coal in the vicinity of Herrin has been removed, but remains in the counties of Morgan, Perry, Clay, Marion, and Jackson. The coal is usually found in the middle layers of the Illinois Shale and in the Devonian sandstone. This type of coal has been extensively used for heating and for electrical power production. It is generally good quality and is suitable for many uses. The Illinois State Geological Survey has published several reports on the Herrin Coal Field. These reports are available from the Illinois Geological Survey, and should be consulted for more detailed information.

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