

Illinois Study Group Current Projects

- I. Uncovering Members of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic who served in the U.S. Colored Troops. Some of the preliminary goals are to help us -
 1. get to know various counties in the State of Illinois;
 2. hone our research skills;
 3. create resources;
 4. write short, cited biographies;
 5. create an Illinois column;
 6. publish these biographies in the AAGHSC Newsletter.

- II. Chicago Genealogical Society's Ancestor's Progressive Certificate. Description: *An ancestor who settled in Chicago or Cook County from January 1894 through March 1933, the date of the Century of Progress Exhibition.*
<http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/ancestor-certificates-chicago-genealogical-society/>

- III. **Illinois State Genealogical Society's Certificate.** There are three categories of certificates issued to descendants of pioneers who resided in Illinois (1) prior to statehood, (2) 1819-1850, and (3) 1851-1880. Documentation proving the pioneer's date of residency in Illinois, along with documentation proving the applicant's lineage to the pioneer, must accompany the application. Full instructions and fee schedule are available on the [application form](#).