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Many Absurd Requests Received by State Department Which However Is Able to Aid Worthy Applicants

In quest of mythical or real fortunes, and distinguished family trees, people from the entire United States write to the genealogical department of the Illinois state historical library for information of their ancestors,

The majority of the requests come from persons wishing to establish their claims to patriotic organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution to which only persons having an ancestor in the revolutionary war are eligible

Fortune Seekers Seekers of family fortunes also form a large part of the people writing in to the department. Many of these are legitimate heirs of wealthy families founded many years ago in America. Others have heard a vague rumor of money left in trust for them by great, great grandparents. small proportion are professional grafters who try to bolster up false claims to relationship with wealthy

The requests are turned over to trained genealogists who search the thousands of books and records of Illinois counties and cities, and family histories. The department head, Miss Georgia Osborne, has specialized in genealogical work and has compiled several works herself.

"Many of the requests we receive are so vague as to be ridiculous,". Miss Osborne said. "Some are even unable to tell us who their great grandfathers were. Others say 'please tell me whether Adam Jones, my great great, great grandfather lived in Illinois.' The Jones and Smith families are bugbears here—there are so many of them.

Early Settlers "Most of the early settlers in southern Illinois came from Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas and Tennessee, while the northern part of the state was settled by people from New England. The New England branches are comparatively easy to look up for the eastern records are well preserved. But so many of the southern records were burned in the Civil war when many court houses were destroyed by fire.

"We hope ultimately to have access to all the early marriage records of every county in the state. We try to collect the membership lists of early churches. Many family histories are on file here and more are

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