



## ILLINOIS CHAIN OF TITLE

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**Owners, Occupants  
or Claimants**

**Nature of Claim**

**Extent of Claim**

**Native Americans:**

Illinois

Illini and others .....Occupancy and use of soil.

Indefinite

Illinois tribes:

1. Mitchigamis .....Occupancy and use of soil.
2. Kaskaskias .....Occupancy and use of soil.
3. Peorias .....Occupancy and use of soil.
4. Cahokias .....Occupancy and use of soil.
5. Tamaroas .....Occupancy and use of soil.

1. Originally west of the Mississippi River.
2. Region between Lake Michigan and Lake Peoria.
3. Region of Lake Peoria.
4. Region of Cahokia and the American Bottom.
5. Region of Southeastern Illinois.

**Spain:**

Columbus' Discovery, 1492.

Western Hemisphere.

**England:**

Cabot's Discovery, 1498.

Continent of America.

**Spain:**

1. De Leon's Discovery of Florida, 1513.
2. De Soto's Landing on the Mississippi, 1541.
3. Menendez' Proclamation, 1565.

1. North America south of Great Lakes.
2. Region on Mississippi River and its tributaries.
3. All North America.

**France:**

De Chastes—De Monts' Charter, 1603.

North America between 40 degrees and 46 degrees north latitude.

**England:**

1. Patent for Virginia, 1606 and 1609.

1. North America between 34 degrees and 45 degrees north latitude.

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	London Company, South Virginia.	34 degrees to 38 degrees north latitude.
	Intermediate district open to both.	Bancroft, Hist. U.S., Vol. 1, 120.
	Plymouth Company, North Virginia.	41 to 45 degrees north latitude.
	2. Massachusetts Bay Charter, 1629.	2. Massachusetts Bay Country to sea on west.
	3. Connecticut Colony Rights.	3. Connecticut River Country.
<b>France:</b>	1. Canada and Native Americans of the west Treaty, 1671.	1. Northwestern Lake Region.
	2. Discovery of Illinois, etc., by Marquette et al, 1673.	2. Illinois and the Northwest.
	3. La Salle ceremony at the mouth of the Mississippi, 1682.	3. Mississippi and tributaries from Gulf to New France.
	4. Crozat patent, 1712.	4. Same as far as the Illinois.
	5. Company of the West, 1717.	5. Same.
<b>England:</b>	1. Treaty of Paris, 1763.	1. French possessions east of Mississippi River except New Orleans and islands.
	2. Transfer of Fort Chartres. 1765.	2. Same.
<b>Virginia:</b>	1. Capture by Clark, 1778.	1. Northwest of Ohio River.
	2. Erected into Illinois County	2. Same.
<b>United States:</b>	1. Cession from Virginia, 1784.	1. Country Northwest of Ohio River.
	2. Cession from Massachusetts, 1785.	2. 42 degrees, 2 minutes to 43 degrees, 43 minutes, 12 seconds, north latitude, west of New York to Mississippi River.
	3. Cession from Connecticut, 1786.	3. 41 degrees to 42 degrees, 2 minutes north latitude, west of Pennsylvania to Mississippi River.
	4. Northwest Territory, by ordinance of 1787.	4. Country northwest of Ohio River.
	5. Indiana Territory, by Act of Congress, 1800.	5. Indiana, Illinois, etc.
	6. Illinois Territory, by Act of Congress, 1809.	6. Illinois, Wisconsin, etc.
	7. Illinois Territory, Second Grade, 1812.	7. Same.
	8. Native American Cessions.	8. Various tribes.
<b>Illinois:</b>	Admitted as a State by Act of Congress, 1818.	Illinois.

(Source: *Perrin's History of Illinois*)