

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Information relating to John Steele BLWt2077-200

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

Va. Steele, John BLWt2077-200—Lieut.
Issued Aug. 24, 1789
No papers

[Note: The file only contains correspondence from descendents requesting information and standard responses thereto indicating that there are no records in this file relating to the veteran other than the fact that a warrant number 2077 was issued to him as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line on August 24, 1789. The responses from the Department of the Interior make reference to the fact that the war Office files burned in 1800.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claim to contain the following document which may relate to this veteran:

I do certify that Lieutenant John Steel was an officer in the Virginia Line from the 4th of April 1777 until the 1st of January 1783 when he became a Redundant Officer.

Given at Fredericks Burgh the 16th day of May 1783 [could be 1788]

S/ P. Muhlenberg, BG [Peter Muhlenberg]

*I do Certify that Lieutenant John Steel was an
Officer in the Virginia Line from the fourth of April
one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven
until the first of Janry one thousand seven
hundred and eighty three when he became a
Redundant Officer.*

*Given at Fredericks Burgh the 16th day
of May 1783*

P. Muhlenberg BG

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection relating to rejected pension claims contain the following documents which appear to relate to this veteran:

Department of War
Bounty Land office
February 18 1833

I certify that it appears by the records of this office Land warrant No. 2077 for 200 acres issued on the 24th of August 1789 in the name of John Steele, who was Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.

S/ Wm Gordon, First Clerk

The affidavit of Captain William B Wallace¹ taken at the Town of Frankfort [Kentucky] on the 4th day of January 1833 to be laid before the Governor and Council of Virginia for and on behalf of Robert² Steele heir at law of John Steele deceased to procure additional bounty land due to said Hr.

This affiant being of full age and first sworn saith that he is now in the 76th year of his age, that he was in the Service of the United States throughout the revolutionary war, some of the time as a Sergeant some of the time as a Lieutenant, and some of the time as prisoner of war, that while the said Wallace was in the service as aforesaid, he was well acquainted with John Steele who entered the service of the United States Army in the year 1776 as Lieutenant on Continental establishment and he said Steele continued in the Service, of the United States as Lieutenant or higher until the end of the war to this affiant's personal knowledge, that he was well acquainted with said Steele, that he said Steele belonged to General Scott's [Brig. Genl. Charles Scott's] Brigade, to which he Wallace was arranged, but to a different regiment.

This affiant states that John Steel is now dead and has a brother Robert Steel now living in Franklin County Kentucky that said Steel never was married, as he heard of, he believes he never did.

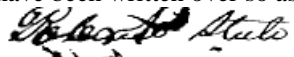
S/ W. B. Wallace, late a
Lieut. in the Revolutionary Army



Handwritten signature: W. B. Wallace late a Lieut. in the Revolutionary Army

¹ I think this veteran is likely to be the same as [William B. Wallace S42612](#)

² Both instances of this name which appear in this document have been written over so as to make the heir's first name uncertain. Here is an example one of those instances.



Handwritten signature: Robert Steele

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Addendum to John Steele BLWt2077-200

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 Jan 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Lieutenant John Steel was an Officer in the Virginia Line from the fourth of April one thousand seven Hundred and seventy seven untill the first of Jan'y one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty three when he became a Redundant officer

Given at Fredricks Burgh [sic: Fredericksburg] this 16th day of May 1783

P Muhlenberg BG [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Muhlenberg", with a horizontal line underneath.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The affidavit of Captain William B Wallace [S42612] taken at the Town of Frankfort on the 4th day of January 1833 to be laid before the Governor and Counsel of Virginia, for and on behalf of Robert Steele heir at law of John Steele deceased, to procure additional bounty land due to said H's.

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This affiant states that John Steel is now dead and has a brother Robert Steel now living in Franklin County Ky, that said Steele never was married, as he heard of, he believes he never did.

W B Wallace late a
Lieut in the Revolutionary army

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W B Wallace", with a horizontal line underneath.