Bounty Land Information relating to John Steele BLWt2077-200
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
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 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

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.