

P.O. Box 92
Healdsburg, California
March 23, 1950.

To the Department of Indian Affairs
Sacramento, California

Re: Lytton Rancheria, Healdsburg, California.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, widow, Mary Steels, and children of Bert Steels, deceased, respectfully represent:

That upon the death of Bert Steele in the year 1943, he and his family were in possession of a twenty-five acre ranch at and near Lytton Rancheria, and in about the year 1945, by mutual agreement among the surviving widow and the children, the ranch was assigned over to Edward Steele, son of Bert Steele, deceased, under an arrangement whereby he was to diligently work and operate the ranch, pay his mother's obligations, and maintain or help maintain the mother, Mary Steele, and under said arrangement he was to make repairs and generally care for the property.

That for a period of the last three years, said Edward Steele has neglected and failed to carry out the arrangement and trusts aforesaid; that he has spent very little time on the ranch during the last three years, and has failed to help his mother in the proper respect and has contributed very little to her maintenance and support, and has paid none of her obligations.

That it is the desire of the undersigned that the arrangement as above stated be terminated and that the twenty-five acre ranch above mentioned be assigned to the mother Mary Steele and Daniel Steele, her son, under a working arrangement that is satisfactory to the Department of Indian Affairs specifically providing that Daniel T. Steele will properly operate the ranch, keep the buildings in repair and the land under cultivation and provide a place for the mother to live on said ranch, pay all of her obligations and in all other respects provide a home for her on said premises.

Accepted and Approved:

L. J. Berger
Area Director for California

Mrs Mary Steele
Mother

Miss Eleanor Steele

Sarah Steele Gandy

Edward C. Steele

Mr Thomas James Steele

Miss Stella Shively