

August 11, 1944

Sacramento Indian Agency  
 Sacramento 2, California

Attention: John G. Rockwell, Superintendent

Dear Sir:

We, the following members of the Bert Steele family, had a conference at Lytton Rancheria August 10. We agreed that Edward Steele should take over his father's property and assignment at Lytton Rancheria with the understanding that he would provide a home for his mother and sisters as long as his sisters are minor and dependents. We relinquish any claim upon any of Bert Steele's property at Lytton.

✓ Mrs. Mary Steele  
 ✓ Eleanor Steele  
 ✓ Boris Steele  
 ✓ Sarah Steele  
 ✓ Monna F. Steele  
Rosaline Mader  
William But Steele

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Application For Assignment for Use.

Application is hereby made for an assignment of the following described portion of the Lytton Rancharia, for the undersigned applicant.

Starting at the northeast corner of the Lytton Rancharia and following the boundary west 9.78 chains; thence south 17.00 chains; thence west approximately 520 feet to the division line of the assignment of J. W. Meyers; thence south 740 feet; thence east to the boundary of the rancharia, a distance of approximately 520 feet; thence north about 570 feet to a designated corner of the rancharia; then following the boundary north  $50\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  east 13.34 chains; thence north  $1\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  west 11.50 chains to the point of beginning. This land is all in the part of the rancharia that is described as tract No. 1, and contains about 24 acres.

It is understood that this assignment for use will be in full effect and force as long as the land is used for farming purposes by me or my heirs, and that in the event the land is not used for such purposes, other than occupancy only, or due to the continued absence by me from the rancharia and neglect of the land, that the Sacramento Indian Agency reserves the right to cancel this assignment.

It is also understood that any improvements that I place on the land will belong to me or my heirs. Should the assignment be cancelled it will be my privilege to remove or sell the improvements within ninety (90) days.

Edward Steele

Aug 11 1944  
Date.

Approved:

John G. Rockwell

John G. Rockwell

Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency

Aug. 16 1944  
Date

The above "Application For Assignment for Use" was made by Bert Steele November 18, 1943. At the time this application was made, Mr. Brodhead held a conference with Mr. Steele and with Mr. John W. Meyers. In this conference, it was agreed that the description of the land listed above would be reserved for Mr. Steele.

This application was considered in the office and was agreed to. It was typed up and was just ready to be sent to Mr. Steele for signature when we learned of his death.

Edward Steele, a son of Mr. Bert Steele, has, throughout the time that Mr. Bert Steele resided at Lytton, helped his father on the place. In addition to that, he has assisted his parents since he has been in the Army. He is interested in farming the place, and he also wants to take care of his mother and sisters.

This plan is agreeable to the family of Bert Steele in so far as the various members have been able to be contacted. Mrs. Steele and her daughters want to continue to live at Lytton and the family wants to have the assignment made to Edward Steele as a home for him, his mother, and sisters. It is understood that if Mr. Edward Steele receives this assignment that he will take over what property Bert Steele possessed together with what obligations he had.

The assignment is made under the understanding that it will be used as a home and farm for Edward Steele and his mother and sisters.

Attached to this assignment is a letter expressing approval by the members of the Steele family that Edward be given this assignment.

Edward Steele

Aug 11 1944  
Date

Approved: John G. Rockwell  
John G. Rockwell,  
Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency

August 16 1944  
Date

Application For Assignment For Use.

Application is hereby made for an assignment of the following described portion of the Lytton Rancharia, for the undersigned applicant.

1. The southern part of the Lytton Rancharia described in the land description of this rancharia as "Tract No. 2", containing 5 acres.
2. A part of the remainder of the Rancharia described as "Tract No. 1", and described as follows: Starting at the <sup>South West</sup> northeast corner of tract No. 2, and following the boundary, a distance of 19.6 chains, or 1,289.6 feet; then east along the boundary line a distance of 483 feet; then south 740 feet; then east 483 feet to the side of the road that leads to the northern part of the rancharia; then south along the road 310 feet; then west 250 feet; then south 243 feet to the northeast corner of tract No. 2; leaving a roadway approximately 40 feet wide along the east boundary of the assignment. This lot contains approximately 19 acres.

It is understood that this assignment for use will be in full effect and force as long as the land is used for farming <sup>or other</sup> purposes, by me or my heirs, and that in the event the land is not used for such purposes, other than occupancy only, or due to the continued absence by me from the rancharia and neglect of the land, that the Sacramento Indian Agency reserves the right to cancel this assignment.

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Approved: John G. Rockwell

John G. Rockwell,  
Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency

John Wesley Myers  
D. Lora Victor Myers  
April 8, 1944  
Date

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Date.