

# The Voter Steel in Michigan

## The Voter Integrity Project

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We have confirmed Selma Steel as a “dead voter” in Wayne County, Michigan.

A genealogy database returns the following for voter Selma Steels (a.k.a., Selma Steel) born January 26, 1912:

Name:	Selma L Steels
Alias:	Selma Steel
Event Type:	Residence
Event Date:	from 1 Dec 1993 to 31 Dec 1996
Event Place:	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, United States
Event Place (Original):	Detroit, Michigan, United States
Previous Residence:	Detroit, MI
Previous Residence Postal Code:	48213
Birth Date:	26 Jan 1912

Source: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJH2-Y8B6>

Entering the relevant information to the Michigan SOS website reveals that Mr. Selma Steels voted under his alias Mr. Selma Steel (no “s” at the end of Steel) in the contested 3 November 2020 election with his ballot received 21 October 2020:

**Election date**

11/3/2020

**Application received**

7/20/2020

**Ballot sent**

9/25/2020

**Ballot received**

10/21/2020

Source: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

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An analysis of the Social Security Death Index shows that Selma Steels died in 1992:

“STEELS, SELMA **was born** 26 January 1912, received Social Security number 374-05-2531 (indicating Michigan) and, Death Master File says, **died** 12 December 1992.”  
Check the [source file](#) which is free. Also check [Archives](#) for SELMA STEELS.”

Source: [https://sortedbyname.com/letter\\_s/s252313.html](https://sortedbyname.com/letter_s/s252313.html)

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We also discovered Mr. Steels' Seneca St. address under his alias:

“**SELMA STEEL** was born in 1912 and he registered to vote, giving his address as 5991 Seneca St, Detroit, Michigan 48213 United States of America.  
**His voter ID number is 274724.** This is the information from the Michigan voter list as of 12 October 2020.”

Source: [http://michiganvoters.info/by\\_number/00000002/74724\\_selma\\_steel.html](http://michiganvoters.info/by_number/00000002/74724_selma_steel.html)

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**It is important to note that for all of the following involved people, the last names are variously spelled as Steel, Steels, or Steele.** Given the below evidence, there is a very good probability it's the same person, despite the spelling differences of Steel and alias Steels.

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Selma Steels also appears in the 1940 US Census. In it, he is married to Doris Steels. Their respective ages were given as 28 and 21, which indicate birthdays in 1912 and 1918, respectively. They also had two children, Lucy (b. ~1940) and Jacqueline (b. ~1938).

Source: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KH9S-81Z>

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Another source corroborated that Selma Steels married a Doris (nee Burgen) born 1918:

Source: [https://www.myheritage.com/names/selma\\_steele](https://www.myheritage.com/names/selma_steele)

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A genealogy database returns the following for Doris Steel:

Name:	Doris Mae Steels
Event Type:	Residence
Event Date:	from 1 Dec 1993 to 13 Nov 2000
Event Place:	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, United States
Event Place (Original):	Detroit, Michigan, United States
Previous Residence:	Detroit, Michigan 48213
Previous Residence Postal Code:	48213
Birth Date:	15 Dec 1918

Source: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KYQS-Q99>

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The Social Security Death Index indicates that Doris Mae Steels died in June 2000:

STEELS, DORIS M. **was born** 15 December 1918, received Social Security number 369-24-7434 (indicating Michigan) and, Death Master File says, **died** 9 June 2000  
Check the [source file](#) which is free. Also check [Archives](#) for DORIS M STEELS.

Source: [https://sortedbyname.com/letter\\_s/s252311.html](https://sortedbyname.com/letter_s/s252311.html)

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Selma Steel, registered at 5991 Seneca, who voted is the same as the one who married Doris and appears on the 1940 census above (it is far too coincidental to have nearly identical names, DOB, zip and wife name), thus the Selma Steel who voted **must be 108**.

It is highly likely that the SSDI record does correspond to the Selma Steel from the voter roll, due to the precise birthday and death location. Further, a 108 year old Selma Steel and a 99 year old Doris Steel is unlikely given average age expectancy.

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It should be noted that a Selma Steele (with an e) born in 1944 resides in the same zip code:

Name:	Selma L Steele
Event Type:	Residence
Event Date:	from 1 Dec 1988 to 25 Mar 2008
Event Place:	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, United States
Event Place (Original):	Detroit, Michigan, United States
Previous Residence:	Detroit, Michigan 48213
Previous Residence Postal Code:	48213
Birth Date:	15 Jul 1944

Source: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KYQT-78T>

Steele (with an e) has the middle name Lamount:

<https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/find/steele/selma>

Also, a third Selma Lmr Steele was born August 1955 in the same zip 48213

<https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/details?name=Selma%20Steele&citystatezip=48213&rid=0x0>

Possibly, bad data or transcription errors occurred in the migration to third party sites.

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According to his voter profile, Selma Steel registered January 1, 1900, or 12 years before birth.

#### Voter Info

Age: 108

Birth Year: 1912

Registration Date: January 1, 1900

Voter ID: 274724

Voter Status: Active

#### District Information

County: Wayne

County Code: 82

County Commisioner District: 2nd District

County Commisioner District Code: 8202

Jurisdiction: Detroit City

Jurisdiction Code: 22000

Precinct: 05117

School District: Detroit Community School District

School District Code: 01103

School Precinct: 00000

State House District: 4th District

State House District Code: 004

State Senate District: 1st District

State Senate District Code: 01

US Congress District: 13th District

US Congress District Code: 13

<https://www.michiganresidentdatabase.com/person/274724/selma-steel#neighbors>

While possibly an administrative error, we found over 16,000 similar cases in Wayne County.

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Regardless of whether more than one Selma Steel exists in the same zip code, only ONE Selma Steel born in 1912 registered to vote and cast a ballot for the 11/3/20 election.

Three possibilities explain this:

1. There were two Selma Steel's born exactly on Jan 26, 1912 with one marrying Doris, appearing in the 1940 census, and voting at age 108, and the other having died in 1992 according to the SSDI. This seems extremely unlikely.
2. Selma Steel (born 1912) had a child also named Selma Steel (born 1944) who never registered to vote, but votes on his/her dad's registration, possibly due to the same name. Somewhat possible, but technically still fraud.
3. Or the most obvious and simplest answer: Voter fraud and possibly even identity theft.

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