

STEELE PROFILE

AARON STEELE (b. 1740 New Castle, Delaware—d. Nov 1795) married (i) **VIOLET ALEXANDER** (b. 1743 Mecklenburg Co., NC—d. 1780) and (ii) **ELIZABETH CROSBY** in 1782 at Long Cane in the Abbeville District, South Carolina. Children of Aaron and Violet Steele:

- (1) William, b. Dec 3, 1763 Abbeville Dist., SC—d. Jul 21, 1821 Anderson Dist., SC; m. Esther Love, b. Jun 14, 1770 Augusta Co., VA—d. Nov 13, 1850 Anderson Dist., SC;
- (2) James—no info;
- (3) Abner Alexander Steele; and
- (4) Aaron Jr., b. Jul 6, 1775—d. Oct 12, 1845; buried in New Hope Cemetery, Knoxville, AL; m. Elizabeth Massey; and

ABNER ALEXANDER STEELE (b. Nov 5, 1768 Abbeville Dist., SC—d. July 1, 1843 Greene Co., AL), *son of Aaron Steele and Violet Alexander*, married March 26, 1794, to **ELIZABETH DEALE** (b. April 13, 1776[7]—d. July 2, 1854 Greene Co., AL), *daughter of Clement Deale and Mary Griffin*. They were united in life 48 years, 3 months and 4 days. Both were buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama.

They were the parents of thirteen children; all but the youngest were born in the Pendleton District [Oconee County], South Carolina. Elihue Rees Steele, second son and third child of this couple, is said to have been the first of the family to come to Alabama. He then went back to South Carolina and assisted in the move of the entire family to Greene County.

Children:

- (1) Alexander Steele, b. Jan 8, 1795 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. Apr 5, 1828 Greene Co., AL; m. Jane McDow SC, b. Apr 13, 1798 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. May 24, 1868 Greene Co., AL, *the daughter of Arthur McDow and Margaret Loftin*;
- (2) Mary Steele, b. Sept 23 [8], 1796 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. Sept 10, 1839 Greene Co., AL; m. Aug 23, 1821 AL, to James Hall Archibald, b. May 10, 1799 Spartanburg Dist., SC—d. Aug 22, 1862 Greene Co., AL, *son of Samuel Archibald and Jeanette Patton*;
- (3) Elihu Reese Steele, b. Dec 25, 1798 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. Jun 26, 1878 Greene Co., AL; m. Dec 12, 1827 AL, to Tenah Pippin, b. abt. 1805 Franklin Co., NC—d. Sept 30, 1859 Greene Co., AL, *the daughter of John Barr Phippen*;
- (4) Richard Griffin Steele, Dec 31, 1800 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. ___; m. (i) Isabella Reid Baskin, b. Mar 29, 1804 SC—d. Apr 17, 1854 Chickasaw Co., MS, *daughter of William C. Baskin*; (ii) Lucy Carter; and (iii) Jane Roberts;
- (5) Elizabeth Steele, b. Feb 24, 1803 Pendleton Dist., SC—d. Oct 24, 1851 Greene Co., AL; m. Jul 15, 1826, to William Patton, b. Oct 2, 1794 Newberry Dist., SC—d. Apr 22, 1872 Greene Co., AL, *son of Thomas Patton and Margaret Ross*;

- (6) Nancy Steele, b. Feb 24, 1803 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Dec 14, 1882 Egypt, MS; m. Oct 11, 1823, to Dr. James Madison Gillespie, b. Mar 1, 1798 Union Co., SC — d. Apr 14, 1876 Egypt, MS;
- (7) Martha Steele, b. Jan 3, 1805 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Sept 10, 1822;
- (8) William Steele, b. Jul 15, 1807 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Feb 17, 1859 Greene Co., AL; m. Sept 30, 1831 AL, to Eleanor Kennedy, b. Mar 20, 1809 Union Dist., SC — d. Jul 3, 1878 Greene Co., AL, *daughter of Thomas Kennedy and Elizabeth Potter*;
- (9) Abner Alexander Steele, b. Oct 15, 1809 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Apr 29, 1841 Greene Co., AL; m. Aug 13, 1836 AL, to Mary Ingham, b. Jan 22, 1814 — d. Jan 29, 1841 Greene Co., AL;
- (10) Jane Steele, b. Nov 22, 1812 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Feb 5, 1898 Lee Co., MS; m. Jan 29, 1834 AL, to George Pringle Baskin, b. Apr 14, 1808 Abbeville Dist., SC — d. Mar 22, 1882 Lee Co., MS, *son of William Baskin and Margaret Reid*;
- (11) Susannah Steele, b. Mar 29, 1814 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. young;
- (12) Ester Love Steele, b. Oct 21, 1817 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. May 14, 1903 Kemper Co., MS; m. Feb 9, 1835, to George H. Kimbrough, b. May 13, 1806 — d. Sep 1, 1872 Kemper Co., MS; and
- (13) James Steele, b. Nov 16, 1820 Greene Co., AL — d. Feb 25, 1865; m. Jan 19, 1842 Greene Co., AL, to Margaret Ross Patton, *daughter of George Ross Patton Sr. and Mary Davidson*.

Abner Steele is listed among the founders of the New Hope Presbyterian Church at Knoxville, Alabama, in 1818. Rev. Andrew Brown was the first minister. Abner was elected elder, February 18, 1824.

The **New Hope Presbyterian Church** was founded by families who emigrated from South Carolina, including the families of: Major Thomas, White, James Storey, David Morrow, Abner Steele, William Baskins, and Edward Mays. Descendants of the Steele family of Greene County, Alabama, can trace their family line to the immigrant ancestor, John Steele, who was born in Ireland and came to Philadelphia about 1700. (www.magnolia.cyriv.com/GreeneAlGenWeb)

