Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Steele R10094 Grissel fn17SC
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Georgia DeKalb County City of Atlanta

Personally appeared this 25th day of August 1852 before me Thomas F. Gibbs Mayor of the City of Atlanta, in said County and State, Isaac Steele resident of said County aged sixty-six years (with whom I am personally with acquainted and who I certify is a man of veracity) and made the following Declaration in order to obtain for the children of Isaac Steele and Grissel wife, the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836,

That he is the 7th child of the said Isaac and Grissel Steele, that his father the said Isaac Steele as he always understood from him before his death, and from his mother the said Grissel afterwards, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served during the greater part of the said War, in the South Carolina troops, but the particulars of said service Declarant is unable to give as his father died a great many years ago, the precise date of his death he does not know, but knows that it was before the year 1800, that he understood from his mother that she and the said Isaac were married in Abbeville District South Carolina, sometime before the Revolutionary War, to which, about the year 1768, that he always understood from his mother that she was married some three years before she had her first child, and that from the entry made in the cold original family record, a copy of which he hereto attached is it appears that their oldest child was born in the year 1771, that he has often heard his mother say that during the Revolutionary War, they failed to make three crops because her husband the aforesaid Isaac Steele, was out in the service during that time, but whether he was in the Regular or militia service, Declarant cannot state, that he also understood from his mother that after the close of the war during a trip to the North to see their relations, they passed by the Battle ground act Bunker's Hill, he showed her the position of the Army during that battle, but whether his father was engaged in said battle or not Declarant cannot state, that his understanding has always been, that his father served during the greater part of the Revolutionary War, but the particulars of his service nor the precise periods of the same, he cannot give, he must therefore rely upon the Record evidence of South Carolina for a more minute description, as he knows of no one now living, by whom he can prove said service, that he understood that his father was engaged in the wagon service, during a part of the time, and he cannot state the names of any of the officers under whom he served except the name of Captain Moses Liddel under whom he served upon one occasion, that after the death of his father, his mother the, the said Grissel Steele, continued his widow up to the day of her death, which took place sometime during the month of August in the year 1848, in Benton County, Alabama, that previous to her marriage, her name was Grissel Dixon, that having removed from the State of South Carolina, to this County, where she remained some time with her children, she removed finally to Benton County Alabama, to reside with her youngest child, where she died, as above stated, that she left the following children and only heirs to wit; Margaret Turner, William

Steele, John Steele, Moses Steele, Jane Barnett and declarant Isaac Steele, who still survive, and also the only children of the above named Isaac Steele Senior deceased. That he knows of no other Record or documentary evidence of said marriage or the ages of the children, then a copy of the original family record, which is hereto annexed, and which was copied (from the original) in his own handwriting many years ago, and that he does not know where the original is, nor what has become of it. That his mother having died at Jane Barnett's her youngest child, he cannot give the date of the month she died, that previous to his mother's death, several years ago, she attempted to apply for a Pension, and empowered James Liddell of Floyd County Georgia to get up and send own her papers, but whether he ever sent home the papers to Washington Declarant cannot state.

S/ Isaac Steele

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Sworn to & subscribed before made this 25th day of August 1852. S/Thos. F. Gibbs, Mayor of Atlanta

[fn p. 2: family record:

Isaac Steele was born October 23rd in the year 1732
Grissel Steele was born June the 10th in the year 1750
James Steele born April 4th day 1771
Michael Steele was born April 2nd day 1773
Margaret Steele was born June 28th 1775
William Steele was born January 9th 1778
John Steele was born February 27th 1780
Ruth Steele was born March 13th 1782
Isaac Steele was born July 18th 1786
Moses Steele was born May 18th 1788
Jane Steele was born September 22nd 1790]

[fn p. 16: Certificate dated May tend, 1853 from the South Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a Isaac Steele Junior for militia service after the reduction of Charleston; this Isaac Steele authorized John Caldwell to receive the money due him.]