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STEELE, John

Allanby, Cumberland c.1770 – Baltimore 1806
English artist who settled in America. There appear to be confusions surrounding the pendants of “Frances Allanby of Baltimore” and her son. John Steele’s daughter Frances Allanby Steele (1800–) married Henry Payson (1787–) in 1818, but she and her son cannot be the much older sitter depicted in these eighteenth century pastels.

Pastels

Frances ALLANBY, of Baltimore, pstl/ppr, 53.7x42.9, c.1790–1800; & pendant: son, pstl/ppr, 53.4x42.5, c.1770–90 (James C. Sorber, PA320132/131. Downington, Pennsylvania, Pook & Pook, 7.1.2006, Lot 611 repr.) ♀

