

The James Aiken Home on Little River: Located one mile west of Gladney's ford on Little river, on a Fairfield county road is found today the well-preserved, two-story dwelling built of large, sturdy logs from native trees, by the Aiken family and occupied by descendants and heirs of the homestead of James Aiken, Esquire, for a number of generations. This home marks the spot of many meaningful scenes and occasions of sentiment which, through the years of development in this section of Fairfield county, likewise of South Carolina, have registered creditably on the pages of history.

It was to this spot, in the long ago days when the trade of Charleston as a seaport was in the making, that a sea captain resorted for his captivating bride. It was to this place, that James Aiken brought his bride, a young Charlestonian of culture and refinement, and who fostered and established a home of refinement and culture. Of and from this family connection, there came to

the executive mansion in this state in 1844, Governor William Aiken. Consequently, there is today, the county and county-seat which bears the family name.

At a period of later date, Sherman's army pillaged this place. Because of a swollen stream which could not be crossed, the army during this delay worked prolonged destruction. It was at this time, that a Yankee soldier drew a pistol on Miss Elizabeth Jane Aiken, and demanded her gold watch and chain. The demand was not granted. Miss Aiken is buried in the family plot of Salem Presbyterian Church, and her grave, at her request, is marked with the price of this particular piece of her personal jewelry.

From this spot, as a summer home, there came an honored graduate of the University of Virginia, a distinguished lawyer, who practiced his profession for a period of twenty-nine years, where the Woolworth Tower now stands. This was the life-long home of a distinguished Elder of Salem Church, whose Christian life was exemplary, and whose direct descendants carry-on in and through establishment of godly homes, professional careers, and worthy statesmanship, both in this state and elsewhere.

board of Mt Zion Society. Mr Aiken  
is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery  
in Winnsboro.

I am the great-great grand-  
son of James Reid Aiken.

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