First Generation

James Aiken - 1733 - 1798 Married Elizabeth Reid - 1743 - 1803

They lived in Bellymora, near the Giant's Causeway in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America some time between 1787 and 1789. They are both buried in the Martin-Aiken burying ground near Milling Cross Roads in Fairfield County. Their children, all born in Ireland, came to Fairfield County either with their parents, or within a short time thereafter.

They had eight children:

- 1. James 1773 1804
- 2. John - 1835 Married Betsey
- 3. Hugh
 Married Ester
- 4. Mary 1770 1852 Married Edward Martin (Captain in Rev. army)
- 5. Margaret 1777 1847 Married David Martin (Private in Capt. Edwards' [his brother's] company)
- 6. William 1779 1831 Married Henrietta Wyatt The county and town of Aiken were named for him.
- 7. Elizabeth
 Married Boyd of Laurens
- David 1786
 Was only a few years old when he was brought to America.