

James R. Aiken.

James R. Aiken, Esq., died at his residence in Winnsboro, on the morning of the 10th instant, after a lingering illness, from affection of the lungs. The deceased was a son of the late David Aiken, Esq., was born on the fifteenth of November, A. D. 1812, and was the eldest of a family of seven brothers and two sisters, all of whom, with the exception of Col. H. K. Aiken, who was killed in a gallant charge during the war, still survive. After careful preparation he entered the South Carolina College, from which he graduated in the class of 1832. Returning to Winnsboro he entered into mercantile pursuits, in which he was engaged for the greater portion of his life. The Seminole war in Florida gave rise to a call for volunteers. A splendid company, under command of Capt. Derrill Smith, left Fairfield for the Florida campaign, and was engaged in active service. Of this company Mr. Aiken was orderly sergeant, and during the campaign proved an efficient officer.

Entering into public life, Mr. Aiken was elected to the House of Representatives in 1844 by a most flattering vote. He was re-elected and served a second term, after which, although still taking an active interest in politics, he did not come again before the people until 1866, when, under the Andrew Johnson reconstruction, he was elected a member of the Orr Legislature.

When the Planters' Bank of Fairfield was organized, in 1854, Mr. Aiken was chosen president, a position held by him for a number of years

The deceased was possessed largely of public spirit, and contributed liberally to charitable and benevolent purposes; while his genial bearing and affability gained him many warm friends both at home and abroad. The strong constitution and great vitality of the deceased for a long period resisted the inroads of a treacherous malady, and to the very last he displayed remarkable vigor.

The remains of the deceased were laid with those of a son, Clarence, who died years ago, in the family plot in the Presbyterian cemetery, of which church he was an elder for many years. The services were held at the Presbyterian church by the Rev. C. E. Chichester, the pall bearers being Messrs. Jas. B. McCants, A. S. Douglass, O. B. Thompson, F. Gerig, H. L. Elliott and James Besty.

Mr. Aiken leaves a son and three daughters, all grown. He was married but once. His wife, a daughter of the late Dr. Cloud, of Chester, preceded him to the grave in 1860.