

REPLY TO INQUIRY - MILITARY

You will find an answer to your inquiry in the statement(s) checked below. We do not keep copies of this correspondence. If it is necessary for you to write again, please return this form and all related correspondence to:

Military Service Records (NMS)  
Washington, DC 20408

1. The enclosed information will help answer your recent inquiry.
2. Please review carefully the enclosed leaflet which describes the contents of military and related records on file at the National Archives, and resubmit your request for copies on the enclosed NATF Form 26, Order and Billing for Copies of Veterans Records. (Because of the volume of requests we receive each day, we must limit our service to processing requests submitted on the prescribed forms.) Pre-payment is required. Billing for this service has been discontinued.
3. To locate a veteran's file, we need the following information: (1) name of veteran; (2) war or period in which he fought; and (3) State from which he served.
4. The National Archives does not have records relating to military service prior to the Revolutionary War. You may be able to obtain information by writing the State archives in the State from which the veteran served.
5. The National Archives does not have records relating to service in World Wars I or II or subsequent service. You may obtain information by completing the enclosed Standard Form 180 and directing it to: National Personnel Records Center (Military); 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.
6. Prior to 1944, Army regulations allowed the preparation of only an original discharge certificate which was given to the soldier. The National Archives would not have the certificate on file unless it was later submitted by the veteran in support of a pension or bounty-land claim. Confederate soldiers in service at the time of surrender did not receive discharge certificates. They were given paroles, and these became the soldiers' property.
7. Pensions based on military service for the Confederate States of America were authorized by some Southern States but not by the Federal Government until 1959. Inquiries about State pensions should be addressed to the State archives or equivalent agency at the capital of the veteran's State of residence after the war.
8. A soldier's record does not necessarily show all battles or engagements in which he may have participated, nor does it necessarily list all of the officers under whom he served.
9. The bounty land warrant application files relate only to claims based on service rendered in wartime between 1775 and 1855.
10. Records in the National Archives relating to burials of veterans are incomplete. You are advised to address your request for information from burial records to the Director, Cemetery Service (41A), National Cemetery System, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC 20420.
11. When a file fully reproduced will contain more than ten pages of reproductions, we select from the file for reproduction the documents we determine to be of the most value to you for genealogical purposes. By specifically requesting, you may receive copies of all documents in a file. We will bill you for the additional reproduction cost.
12. A veteran's military service record is a file separate and apart from pension files and bounty land warrant application files. Compiled military service records do not normally contain family information.
13. We are enclosing reproductions of a summary of the veteran's military service, taken from his pension application file.
14. A brief history of the organization and activities of the military unit mentioned can be found in Frederick H. Dyer's *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* (New York, 1959), Volume 3. Your local library may either have this publication, or be able to assist you in locating a copy.
15. Your remittance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed  is enclosed  will be refunded by Treasury check in a few weeks.
16. Compiled military service records for the Revolutionary War period are fragmentary because many of the original records were lost in a fire that occurred November 8, 1800, in offices the Secretary of War occupied. Other records were lost or destroyed in 1814 when Government buildings in Washington were ransacked and burned by the British Army.

1-18-84

# ORDER FOR COPIES OF VETERANS RECORDS

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Submit a separate set of forms for each veteran. Do NOT remove any of the pages of this 3-part set. A payment of \$5.00 is required for EACH file checked in Block 1. **PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED.** Make check payable to National Archives Trust Fund (NNMS).

Mail completed form with payment to:

Cashier (NJC)  
National Archives Trust Fund  
8th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20408

BUDGET & FINANCE

AMOUNT ENCLOSED **10.00**

ORDER FILLED  
 Partial  Complete

### 1. CHECK RECORD DESIRED

- PENSION
- BOUNTY-LAND WARRANT APPLICATION (Service before 1856 only)
- MILITARY

### REQUIRED MINIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN

Items 2, 3, 4, 5 (and 6, when applicable) MUST be completed or your order cannot be serviced.

2. VETERAN (Give last, first, and middle names)  
**Aiken William**

3. BRANCH OF SERVICE IN WHICH HE SERVED  
 Army  Navy  Marine Corps

4. STATE FROM WHICH SERVED  
**South Carolina**

5. WAR IN WHICH, OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH HE SERVED  
**Rev. War.**

6. IF SERVICE WAS CIVIL WAR  
 Union  Confederate

### PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IF KNOWN

7. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment or number, company, etc., name of ship)

8. IF SERVICE WAS ARMY, ARM IN WHICH HE SERVED (If other, specify):  
 Infantry  Cavalry  Artillery

9. KIND OF SERVICE  
 Volunteers  Regulars ?

10. Pension or Bounty Land File No.  
**W 8314**

11. DATE OF BIRTH  
**2 Feb. 1760**

12. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, etc.)  
**Co. Antrim Ireland**

13. NAME OF WIDOW OR OTHER CLAIMANT  
**Hannah**

14. DATE OF DEATH  
**31 Oct. 1844**

15. PLACE OF DEATH (City, County, State, etc.)  
**Chester Co. S.C.**

16. IF VETERAN LIVED IN A HOME FOR SOLDIERS, GIVE LOCATION (City & State)  
**Chester Co. S.C.**

### 18. YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

Print or type your name and address within the block below.

**Eleanor Eckstein**  
1201 E. Florida Ave. #8  
Orbana IL 61801

Do NOT write below - Space is for our reply to you.

RECORD FILE ENCLOSED

Pension \$5  Bounty Land \$5  Military \$5

NUMBER OF FILES FROM WHICH COPIES WERE REPRODUCED  
**1**

WE WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR ORDER

REQUIRED MINIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN WAS NOT PROVIDED. Please complete items 2 (give full name), 3, 4, and 5, and resubmit. Your order and remittance are returned to you.

A SEARCH WAS MADE BUT THE RECORDS YOU REQUESTED WERE NOT FOUND.

Pension  
 Bounty Land  
 Military

When we do not find a record for a veteran, this does not mean that he did not serve. You may be able to obtain information about him from the State archives.

Your order and your remittance are returned to you.

Because extended search time was involved, a formal refund must be issued by the US Treasury, which will take 6-8 weeks for processing.

REFUND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE (Complete Name)  
**Charles Henderson**

REFUND AMOUNT **\$ 5.00**

We found \_\_\_\_\_ pension or bounty land files and \_\_\_\_\_ military service files of the same name (or similar variations). You may order copies by returning the enclosed, marked forms.

See attached forms/leaflets/information sheet.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 19. NUMBER OF THESE BLANK FORMS YOU WOULD LIKE SENT TO YOU

SEARCHER **SA Zc** FILE DESIGNATION **W 8314** **Akin, William**

DATE **2/6/84**

**Rev War**

State of South-Carolina  
District of Fairfield

William Cohen

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832  
personally appeared in open Court before me as usual  
Judge of the Court of Comm. Pleas  
for Fairfield District, in the State of South Carolina  
now sitting at Fairfield Court-House, William Cohen  
a resident of Indian Creek, about two miles from  
the Town of Winnsborough in the District of Fair-  
field, in the State aforesaid, aged nearly two years  
since he last, who being first duly sworn accord-  
ing to law, doth, in his oath, make the following  
declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Deponent was born in the Kingdom of Ireland  
County Antrim, about three miles from Ballymena  
between the first and twelfth days of February A.D.  
1760.

Deponent's father and family removed from Ire-  
land, and landed in Philadelphia in 1775, and  
settled in Pennsylvania Creek about forty miles  
above Philadelphia, where his house was burnt  
by accident, and all need of the family aged  
if any ever existed, as dependent supports. But  
deponent is ignorant whether they had been

recorded, being ~~born~~ <sup>born</sup> at the time. Deponent's father  
~~was always present in Philadelphia until the French had left~~  
~~Deponent left his father in 1779 and came~~  
to South-Carolina, Fairfield District, and with  
his Uncle David Thompson in fact was back  
until Feb. 7 1781, when he was called on to do militia  
duty under Captain John Gray. Deponent does not  
know nor believe there was any draft, but believes  
that Captain Gray called all men out he could  
find that were fit for duty. Deponent was ordered to  
Major John Dennis's Regiment (afterwards Gen. Maitland)

12.7.30.  
South Carolina.

William Aiken

Fairfield in the State of South Carolina was a private in the company commanded by Captain Gray of the Regt. commanded by Col. Taylor in the South Carolina for 6 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of South Carolina at the rate of 20 Dollars — — — Cents per annum, commencing on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 21 day of May '33 and sent James Elliott Winnebago's C.H. S.C. (clerk)

Arrears to the 4th of March '33 40  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4 Sept. 10

\$50

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by William Miller Clerk  
Book E Vol. 6. Page 62

Fancy Nixie  
was born March  
18<sup>th</sup> 1784

Joseph Nixie  
was born November  
21<sup>st</sup> 1805  
Joseph Nixie  
was born February  
18<sup>th</sup> 1807  
Joseph Nixie was  
born January the  
18<sup>th</sup> 1809  
Joseph Nixie  
was born  
1810



Mary Wiley  
was born November  
the 26<sup>th</sup> 1819-

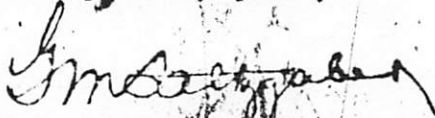
Mary Wiley  
born  
the 26<sup>th</sup> 1819  
the 5<sup>th</sup> February  
1807  
the Wiley was  
born January the  
1807

Wid. File No. 8314. William Aikin (Aiken or Aikin) was born in February 1760. in County Antrim. Ireland. emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1775. and removed to Fairfield District South Carolina. in 1779. where he was drafted and served in the South Carolina troops.

He married in 1783. Hannah -----; he died October 31. 1844. and she survived him in Chester District. South Carolina. and died October 29. 1851.

If either of the above named soldiers is the one whose history your constituents desires. please notify this Bureau. and the military record as set forth in the papers on file will be furnished you.

Very truly yours.



Commissioner.

Hon. Samuel P. Radgett,  
House of Representatives.



The State of South Carolina  
Fairfield District

On the Twenty Ninth day of January A.D. One  
thousand eight hundred and fifty two  
personally appeared before me a Magistrate  
within and <sup>for</sup> the District of Chester and do  
swear of office, Miss Martha Aiken a  
resident of Chester District in the State above  
said who being duly sworn according to  
law, declares that she is the daughter of  
Cannah Aiken late deceased, that her mother  
Cannah Aiken was inscribed on the Revolu-  
tionary Pension Roll after her father's decease  
which was on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1844. That  
her father drew a pension up to the time  
of his death, and after his decease her  
mother Cannah Aiken employed a pen-  
sion agent by the name - ~~Watts & Broderick~~  
for pensions on account of her husband  
(William Aiken) who was in the Revolutionary  
war, and to get her pension Certificate  
which he did and paid over to her, a  
layment or two, the amount not rec'd.  
That the pension Certificate has been  
~~lost or misplaced and the said~~ Watts  
the agent, has removed to parts unknown  
That this deponent is informed, that there  
is nearly seven years pension due to the said  
deponent and ~~her sister Ann Aiken~~ <sup>that</sup>  
surviving children of William Aiken and  
Cannah Aiken (i.e. the amount paid to her)  
mother. That her father William Aiken  
died on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1844, and her  
mother the 29<sup>th</sup> of October A.D. 1857. That  
this deponent makes this declaration





South Carolina

Fairfield District Personally appeared before me John Wiley and made oath that his wife, Nancy Wiley is the daughter of the late William Aiken late pensioner deceased of Chester District and Hannah Aiken his wife; that she the said ~~Nancy~~ Wiley was born in March 1784 that he has a record of his age which he copied some years since from an Old Original Family Record of the aforesaid William and Hannah Aiken and that he verily believes it to be correct and true. And that the same is hereto appended. This deponent further states on his oath that he was married to the said Nancy Aiken who was the daughter and oldest child of the aforesaid William and Hannah Aiken, on the first day of January A. D. 1805 and that his first child was born in November in the same year and that a record of the ages of his oldest children is hereto appended.

This deponent also states on oath that he came to the United States from Ireland in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and settled in Fairfield District in the State aforesaid, and in the immediate neighborhood of the aforesaid William and Hannah Aiken at which time and place they were living together as husband and wife, to deponent certain knowledge and were recognized as lawful man and wife by their neighbors.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me October 10th A. D. 1848  
R. M. McDowell M. J. D.

John Wiley

I, R. M. McDowell Magistrate do hereby certify that John Wiley who made the above affidavit, is a person entitled to the very highest credit for his veracity. Witness my hand  
October 10th A. D. 1848  
R. M. McDowell M. J. D.



Letter to S. A. Bettis  
April 12, 1850, with  
H. Aiken Certificate  
Let. to R. Thompson, letter 1852  
Same 1854/1852  
Arch. Vol. 3, 1851 (1852)

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South Carolina  
 Hannah Aiken  
Widow of William  
SC Aiken  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a Private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
20 Dollars  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
15 day of June 1849  
and sent to  
S. A. Bettis  
Present

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under  
February 2, 1848, Page 302 Vol. 1



South Carolina  
Charleston District } J. M. Banks a Magistrate in and for  
the District of South Carolina, do hereby certify that Han-  
nah Aikin who has this day sworn to, and subscribed  
the foregoing Declaration before me, is by reason of old  
age and bodily infirmity, unable to go to Court to make  
the said declaration, that she is and has been for some  
years months past confined to her bed, and not able to  
leave it without help. I also certify that she is to my  
own personal knowledge the widow of William Aikin  
who was a Revolutionary Soldier, and that when State  
Warrants in the present case she is entitled to full Credit  
Given under my hand this 26 day of June 1847.  
John Banks Magt.

South Carolina

I John Roshorough, Clerk of the  
Court of Common Pleas for Chester  
District, certify that John Banks is  
a Magistrate as above, and that  
the foregoing signature is purporting  
to be his as genuine. In testimony  
whereof I have hereunto  
affixed my seal of office  
and subscribed my name  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1847  
John Roshorough  
Clerk of Pleas



State of South Carolina,

Chester District } On this 24 day of June 1847  
personally appeared before me John Banks one  
of the acting Magistrates in and for the District  
aforesaid, Hannah Aikin, a resident of the State &  
District aforesaid aged years, who being first duly  
sworn according to Law, doth in her oath, make  
the following Declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provisions made by the act of Cong. of  
papers March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 and June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844 granting pen-  
sions to Certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That she is the widow of William Aikin late  
Revolutionary pensioner deceased of Chester District  
State of South Carolina, who was a Soldier in the Army  
of the Revolution and drew a pension under the act  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, at the rate of twenty dollars per annum.

She further declared that she was married to the  
said William Aikin in Mifflin District S.C. in the  
Month of — Seventeen hundred and Eighty three, 1783  
just at the close of the revolution, and that her husband  
and the aforesaid William Aikin died on the 31<sup>st</sup> day  
of October, Eighteen hundred and forty four (1844) and that  
she has remained a widow ever since that period.

She also declared that she has no family deceased showing  
the date of her marriage nor the births of her children.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above  
written before John W. Banks Magt. Hannah <sup>his</sup> Aikin  
witness

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: } ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of William Aikin

Period when the service required.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Name and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the service is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
July 1781.	2			Private	Capt Gray			Marching through	18 years	By his own statement
From June 24	2				Capt Martin Taylor			South Carolina in all his time	22 years	By his own statement
July 1781	2			3	Capt Martin					
<del>July 1781</del>										

The department thinks he served a capt. Martin

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,  
Commissioner of Pensions.



and the same at another. And believe that  
he was ~~in~~ out on Militia duty fully eight  
months in all. All the time a private.

David Hamilton, John Hogan and Robert  
McCreight were all out with defendant under  
Colonel Richard Winn in the town to Dorechester  
the 145 mile horse. The all being on foot  
Creek in this District. They can also testify as  
to scouting duty. But defendant knows of no  
person now living who was with him at the  
taking of the language fort. These may be some  
of the <sup>subscribers</sup> present there, but defendant does not now  
recollect or know of any such. Received no discharge  
edit a credit in from his <sup>subscribers</sup> coalition. It was not usual to obtain a  
discharge. Defendant in November 1781 went in to Springfield  
- via and returned in Jan<sup>y</sup> 1783 with his  
father and family, and settled in Guilford  
District in Guilford Creek and lived there until  
about the year 1800 when he removed and settled  
where he now lives as first above mentioned  
where he has lived ever since that time.  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to  
a pension or annuity except the present, and declares  
that his name is not in the pension roll of the <sup>republic</sup>  
- of any State.

Given to the world in open  
Court the day & year first  
as aforesaid

J. Elliott *clerk* *per Dec*

J. M. Kiss

two months from the time he was transferred  
to Captain Mearns Company, until discharged  
making this time of ~~service~~ <sup>service</sup> in all  
months in all.

Stayed at home at his Uncle David Thompsons  
~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> until July 1781 when Depment with Captain  
Edward Mearns Company was again ordered out.  
Was marched in to the Congaree below Calum  
- sic, where the Company met with Captain  
- ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> Wain, and James with their Company  
- ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> other troops were there also. Ordered the  
- ~~line~~ <sup>line</sup> and marched toward "Orangeburg"  
- and near Orangeburg fell in with the  
- ~~detachment~~ <sup>detachment</sup> of Genl. Spots Army. Encamped  
- ~~at~~ <sup>near</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>them</sup> two or three days. Was also  
- met by Col. Henry Hampton & his State troops  
- the militia and Hampton's State troops joined  
- and marched down through the low country  
- ~~try~~ <sup>try</sup> was at Beaufort twenty miles above  
- Charleston, at the 145 mile house, and back  
- and forward through the rest of the low  
- country. The troops were all mounted. ~~Major~~  
- John Hanson was along and Colonel Melan  
- ~~Wain~~ <sup>Wain</sup> commanded the Regiment of militia.  
- Genl. Spots was Adjutant. The detachment was  
- out about two months this time but was allowed  
- 10 months / or only two months.

Depment was from sometime in February  
1781 until the last of October 1781 constantly in  
militia duty with in the low country particularly  
maintained in in scouting parties against the  
troops under Captain Mearns with the excep-  
- tion of a few days in two days at one time.

in Broad River as a place of rendezvous. Andrew Gray  
was Lieutenant, and also James Thickett. The com-  
pany was employed in dispersing and quietting  
the Tories. The troops performed several marches  
through the back settlements in Fairfield District  
in one of these they dispersed a party of Tories  
thinks at the house of one Smith in Noble's settle-  
ment ~~at~~ at which the Tories lost one in killed  
William Smith and then fled. Desjardins was out  
under Captain Gray in this time two months;  
at the end of which time Captain Desjardins  
Menton arrived with some men and Despo-  
ment was transferred to his company. William  
Gray was Captain Menton's first Lieutenant  
and William Rivers second Lieutenant. Captain  
Menton sent his company under his first Lieuten-  
ant in to Longview fort a little above the pres-  
ent site of Granby, and allowed them to collect  
more men. ~~The~~ Lieutenant William  
Gray with his company and several other  
Militia companies lay around the fort un-  
til it surrendered. Captain Geo. Thomas & com-  
pany, Capt. Adam Winn & company were then  
A company of Artillery arrived in the morn-  
ing <sup>before</sup> the fort surrendered. Thinks a Colonel Taylor  
commanded the whole of the Militia. Desjardins  
on the morning of the surrender whilst on guard  
was fired on by ~~the~~ a detachment from the  
Fort. The guard were beat back until night and  
supported by a company from the main army.  
After the surrender the Army were marched from  
the Longview to Lenoir's, where they encamp-  
ed and lay for some time. The deserter ~~was~~



SERVICE

NUMBER

S. C.

Akin, William  
or Aiken

W 8314

From the Island - To Penn. to S. C.

Hannah

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