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Sun. Nov. 6, 1983

Dear Librarian:

The enclosed Xeroxed material pertains to one of my early ancestors, William Aiken. According to documentation that I have I am ~~related to~~ descended from a William Aiken who, with other members of his family, landed at Brandywine Creek — near Philadelphia, Pa. — in 1775. Together with his son, William Aiken II, they both fought in the American Revolution with the American army. It is to this that female members of the Aiken family have membership in the D.A.R. William ~~I~~ I and William II went to Charleston S.C. in 1785. Subsequently William I and some of his children began moving west. He died and is buried, along with others of his family, in a little cemetery somewhere northeast by east of Winsboro. A friend of mine, now deceased, located that cemetery but died before he could

get photographs of the stones or copies of the cemetery grave plots.

William H remained in Charleston, ran for political office, narrowly missed being elected speaker of the House in the 32nd Congress, returned to S. Car. where he bought an island off the coast of Charleston and established a very profitable rice and cotton business. He also built and operated the first steam railroad line from Charleston to Hamburg (Aiken Co.) S. Car.

You may possibly have the material that I am enclosing. If you do, will you be kind enough to show this material the Fairfield Co. Historical Society or the Genealogical Society there? If possible I would like to ask if some member of any of the three groups could make a photograph of these old Aiken tombstones or burial records for these early ancestors of mine. If there is cost for the photography I would be happy to send my check for the same.

Very sincerely yours

Charles C. Wilson.

Abstracted Aiken info from 2 families

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You may possibly have the material I have
enclosed. If you do not you may copy the material
or keep it. I would to also ask if you would share
this material with the Aiken Co. Historical Society
as well as the Genealogical Group there. I am
particularly anxious to receive in exchange any
additional information about either William Aiken
I or II which any member of those three groups
might have. Please acknowledge receipt of this
material and if I may look for the above
mentioned information.

Very Sincerely
Charles C. Wilson

Sun. Mar. 4, 1984

Dear Librarian (Director),

From time to time in the past I have sent you material concerning my early ancestors - the Aikens who moved there from Charleston Co., William Aiken II died in Fairfield Co. and is buried in a cemetery somewhere north-east of W. innsboro. I understand that some of his children and other ~~one~~ of his descendants are likewise buried there. I have repeatedly asked if you or some other source there could provide me with definite verification of this. I believe that in a previous communication from you, you indicated that there was some woman there who could furnish this information.

Perhaps in exchange for this enclosed material (one copy) she would be willing to send the information I am seeking. William Aiken I was killed in a battle with the British near West Bradford, Pa. but apparently his

military records were destroyed by fire. Any information you can send me will be greatly appreciated.

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