

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 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.

ORDER FOR COPIES OF VETERANS RECORDS

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

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.

17. PLACE(S) VETERAN LIVED AFTER SERVICE

Chester Co. S.C.

16. IF VETERAN LIVED IN A HOME FOR SOLDIERS, GIVE LOCATION (City & State)

18. YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

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
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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.

WE WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR ORDER

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 Sanders 2/6/84

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 Z**

FILE DESIGNATION **W 8314**

Akin, William

DATE **2/6/84**

Rev Way

Print or type your name and address within the block below.
Eleanor Eckstein
1201 E. Florida Ave. #8
Orbana IL 61801
(Zip Code)

State of South Carolina
County of Charleston
I, _____, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Court of said County, in the case of _____ vs _____, docketed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County, this _____ day of _____, 18__.

_____ Clerk of said County.

12730
South Carolina
William Aiken

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

Enrolled on the Roll of South Carolina
the rate of 20 Dollars — — — Bonds per annum
commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

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

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
18th 1784

Joseph Nixie
was born
the 21st 1805
Joseph Nixie
was born
the 18th 1807
Joseph Nixie was
born January the
18th 1814
Joseph Nixie
was born
the 18th 1814

Mary Wiley
was born November
the 26th 1819-

Mary Wiley
November
the 26th
1819
Mary Wiley was
born
November the
26th 1819

Wid. File No. 8314. William Akin (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 desire. please notify this Bureau, and the military record as set forth in the papers on file will be furnished you.

Very truly yours.

J. M. [Signature]

Commissioner.

*Hon. Samuel P. Radgett,
House of Represent.*

The State of South Carolina
Fairfield District 3^d

On the Twenty Ninth day of January A.D. One
thousand eight hundred and fifty two
personally appeared before me a Magistrate
within and ^{for} the District of Chester and do
swear of record, Miss Martha Aiken a
resident of Cholet District in the State afore-
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 30th 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 & Brother
for pension 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 recollecting.
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 afore-
said ~~her mother~~ ^{the said} ~~children~~
surviving children of William Aiken and
Cannah Aiken (i.e. the amount paid to her
mother). That her father William Aiken
died on the 30th October 1844, and her
mother the 29th of October A.D. 1851. That
this deponent makes this declaration

the state of south Carolina John Arthur Galt of the court of general sessions District

John B and wife
before me 29-9-1852
The present and intended

for the purpose of becoming a citizen
of the United States
I the undersigned
do hereby certify that
the said John B and wife
are the persons named in the petition
made in further proof of the petition
made in the application of the said John B and wife
to the said court and intended

John B and wife
before me 29-9-1852
The present and intended

That David Garrison is a Magistrate as shown and that
the foregoing Depositions purporting to be his own
Declaration of Intention I have examined and find them
true and correct and that I have examined the names
of the Magistrates in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty two in the County of York
of the State of South Carolina
Garrison
each entry \$5.00

North 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 her 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
The October 10th A. D. 1848
R. M. McDowell M. J. D.

John Wiley

J. 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 and seal this
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, dated 1852
Same 1852
Recd Oct 31, 1857 (185)

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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 312 Vol.

South Carolina
Cheston District } J. M. Banks a Magistrate in and for
the District & State aforesaid, 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
her said declaration, that she is and has been for some
twelve months past confined to her bed, and not able to
lean 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 Rostborough Clerk of the
Court of Common Pleas for Chester
District, certify that John Banks
an 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 29th day of June 1847
J. Rostborough
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
of South Carolina, Hannah Aiken, a resident of the State &
District of South Carolina aged years, who being first duly
sworn according to Law, doth in his oath, make
the following Declaration in order to obtain the
benefit of the provisions made by the act of Cong. of
papers March 3rd 1843 and June 17th 1844 granting pen-
sions to Certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That she is the widow of William Aiken 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 7th June 1832, at the rate of twenty dollars per annum.

She further declared that she was married to the
said William Aiken in Mifflin District S.C. in the
Month of September hundred and eighty three, 1783,
just at the close of the Revolution, and that her husband
and the said William Aiken died on the 31st 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 name 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 Banks Magr. Hannah ^{her} Aiken
writts

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Pension Office.

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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 for which pension is required.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names 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 declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
July 1781	2			Pinde	Capt Gray			Mon. Bay	18 years	By service of Certificate Book South Carolina
From Jan 20	2			"	Capt Martin Taylor		South Carolina	20 years		
July 1781	2			"	Capt Martin		his term	22 years		
July 1781										

The department thinks he served eight months

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

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

David Hamilton, John Houn and Robert
McBright were all out with regiment under
Colonel Mich and Winn in the time to December
the 145 mile horse & the all being on Jacobs
Creek in this District. They can also testify as
to serving duty. But Regiment knows of no
person now living who was with him at the
breaking of the Loyalist fort. These men, however
of the present claim, but Regiment does not now
recall or know of any such. Received no discharge
- ^{Admission} ~~did not~~ ^{from his local town} ~~in~~ ^{it was not usual to obtain admission}
- ^{discharge} ~~discharge~~ in November 1781 went on to New York
- ^{and} ~~and~~ returned in Jan'y 1783 with his
- ^{family} ~~and~~ ^{settled in} ~~settled in~~ ^{Greenfield}
- ^{District in} ~~settled in~~ ^{Greenfield} ~~and~~ ^{settled}
- ^{about the} ~~settled~~ ^{year} ~~settled~~ ¹⁸⁰⁰ ~~settled~~ ^{when} ~~settled~~ ^{he} ~~settled~~ ^{removed} ~~settled~~ ^{and} ~~settled~~ ^{settled}
- ^{where} ~~settled~~ ^{he} ~~settled~~ ^{now} ~~settled~~ ^{lives} ~~settled~~ ^{at} ~~settled~~ ^{first} ~~settled~~ ^{above} ~~settled~~ ^{mentioned}
- ^{where} ~~settled~~ ^{he} ~~settled~~ ^{has} ~~settled~~ ^{lived} ~~settled~~ ^{ever} ~~settled~~ ^{since} ~~settled~~ ^{that} ~~settled~~ ^{time}.
- ^{He} ~~settled~~ ^{hardly} ~~settled~~ ^{relinquishes} ~~settled~~ ^{any} ~~settled~~ ^{claim} ~~settled~~ ^{relating} ~~settled~~ ^{to}
- ^a ~~settled~~ ^{person} ~~settled~~ ^{or} ~~settled~~ ^{community} ~~settled~~ ^{except} ~~settled~~ ^{the} ~~settled~~ ^{present} ~~settled~~ ^{and} ~~settled~~ ^{declares}
- ^{that} ~~settled~~ ^{his} ~~settled~~ ^{name} ~~settled~~ ^{is} ~~settled~~ ^{not} ~~settled~~ ⁱⁿ ~~settled~~ ^{the} ~~settled~~ ^{present} ~~settled~~ ^{roll} ~~settled~~ ^{of} ~~settled~~ ^{the} ~~settled~~ ^{regiment}
- ^{of} ~~settled~~ ^{any} ~~settled~~ ^{State}.

Sworn to & subscribed in open
Court the day & year first
aforesaid

J. M. Kiss

J. Elliott *clerk* *per se*

two months from the time he was transferred
to Captain Mearns Company, until discharged
making this time of ~~two~~ a long of service from
months in all.

Stayed at home at his Uncle David Thompsons
~~place~~ until July 1781 when Regiment with Captain
Edward Mearns Company was again ordered out.
Was marched in to the Congaree below Columbia
- River, where the Company met with Captains
- John Wain, and James with their companies
- met. Other troops were there also. Camped the
- night and marched toward Orangeburg
- and near Orangeburg fell in with a de-
- tachment of Genl Spots Camp. Encamp-
- ed ~~with~~ ^{near} them two or three days. Was also
- met by Col. Henry Thompson & his State Troops
- the militia and Thompsons State Troops joined
- and marched down through the low coun-
- try, was at Beaufort twenty miles above
- Charleston, at the 145 mile house, and back
- and forward through the most of the lower
- country. The troops were all mounted. Major
- John Platts was colonel and Colonel Melancthon
- Smith commanded the Regiment of Militia.
- Genl Smart was Adjutant. The detachment was
- out about two months this time but was allow-
- ed recruits in only two months.

Detachment was from Columbia in February
1781 until the last of October 1781 constantly on
militia duty either in the low country or
maintained in scouting parties against the
troops under Captain Mearns with the ex-
- ception of a brief absence a few days at one time.

in Hood River as a place of rendezvous. Andrew Gray
was Lieutenant and also Henry Tinerid. The com-
pany was employed in dispersing and quietting
the Tories. The troops performed several marches
through Noble's settlement 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 left one in killed
William Smith and then fled. Depew was out
under Captain Spier in this term two months
at the end of which time, Captain Devere
Mentie arrived with some men and Depew
was transferred to his company. William
Spier was Captain Mentie's first Lieutenant
and William Avery second Lieutenant. Captain
Mentie sent his company under his first Lieuten-
ant in to Langraan fort a little above the fort
site of Spanby and obtained leave 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. Fernald's com-
pany, Capt. John Wynn's company were then
A company of Artillery arrived in the morn-
ing ^{of the} fort surrendered. Thinks a Colonel Taylor
commanded the whole of the Militia. Depew
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 Langraan to Langraan, where they encamp-
ed and lay for some time. The desertion occurred

SERVICE

NUMBER

S. L.

*Aiken, William
or Aiken*

W 8314

Worcester, Mass. - To Penn. to S. C.

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