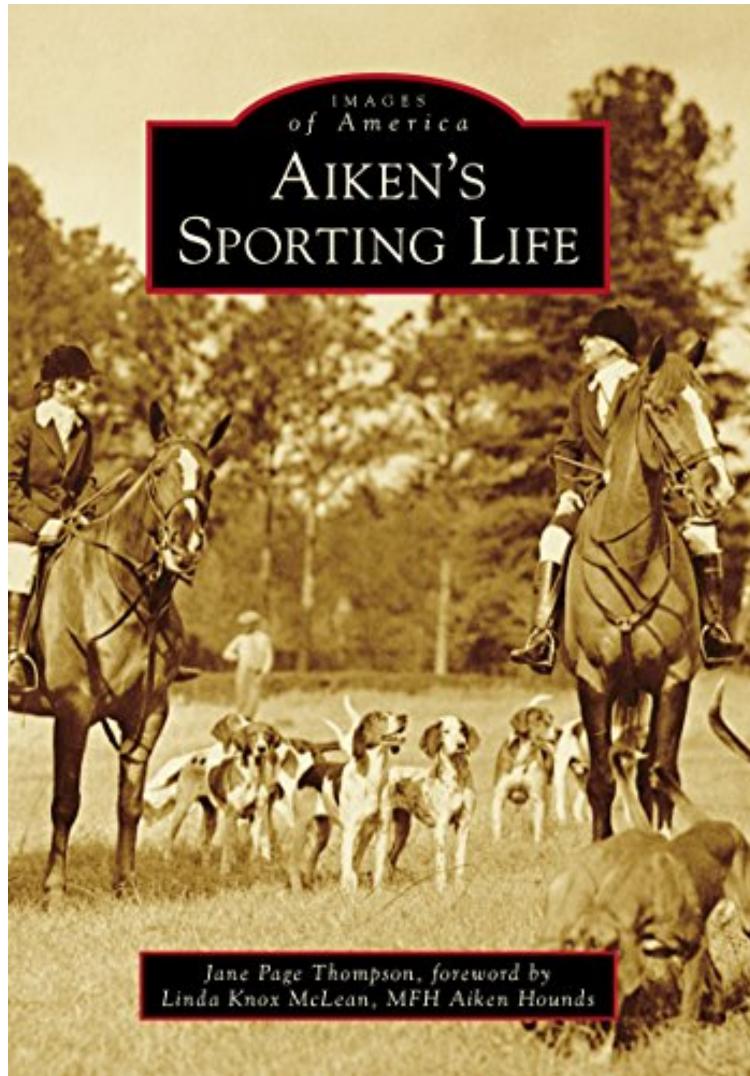


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In 1869, newspaper articles touted Aiken as a health and pleasure resort with the world's largest wooden hotel. Swirling social life and sporting action continued during the war years, when the women of society carried on local traditions. In 1950, Aiken was bustling with scientists and engineers who relocated to work at the Savannah River Site. The last half of the 20th century saw swelling crowds at polo matches, steeplechase races, fox hunts, golf courses, and

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About the AuthorJane Page Thompson brings readers a glimpse of the past and offers hope for the future in this book, which contains photographs from private and public collections honoring the seminal events that have made Aiken a social and sporting draw for almost 200 years. The book also includes a foreword by Linda Knox McLean, MFH Aiken Hounds.