

MINNESOTA GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
Their Origin and Historic Significance
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AITKIN COUNTY

This county, established May 23, 1857, and organized June 30, 1871, was named for William Alexander Aitkin, a fur trader with the Ojibway Indians. He was born in Scotland in 1785; came from Edinburgh to America in his boyhood; and about the year 1802 came to the Northwest, being in the service of a trader named John Drew. Aitkin married into an influential Indian family; was soon a trader on his own account; and rapidly advanced until in 1831 he took charge of the Fond du Lac department of the American Fur Company, under John Jacob Astor, with headquarters at Sandy Lake, in this county, adjoining the east side of the Mississippi river. He died September 16, 1851, and is buried on the east bank of the Mississippi, opposite to the mouth of Swan river, in Morrison county, where he had a trading post during his last nine years, after 1842.

The name of Aitkin county was at first erroneously spelled Aiken, with which it is identical in pronunciation, and it was changed to its present spelling in 1872 by an act of the legislature.

TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES.

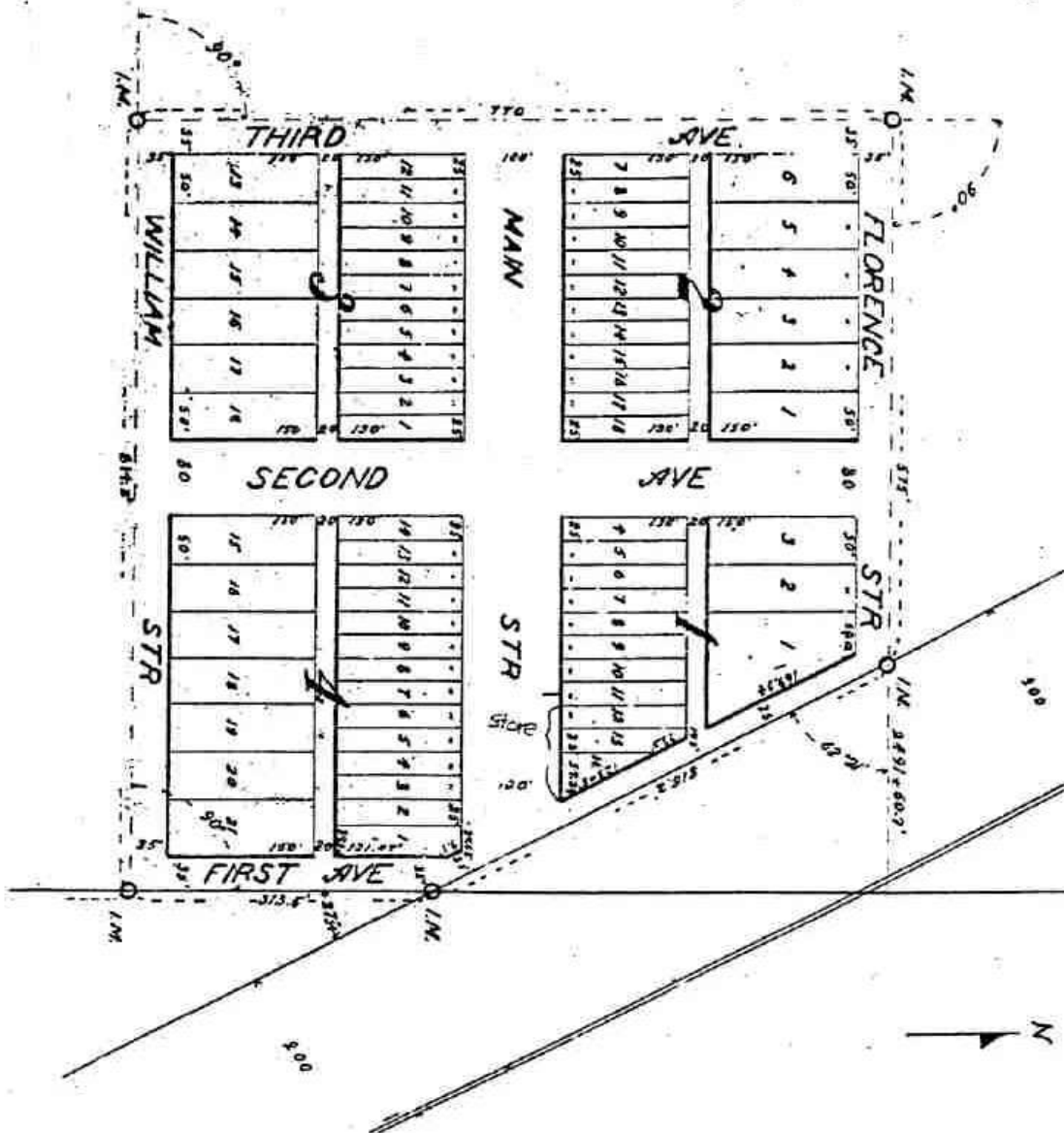
Information of the origins of township names was received from Thomas R. Foley, Jr., real estate and insurance agent, and Carl E. Taylor, court commissioner, both of Aitkin, during a visit there in May, 1916.

AITKIN township bears the same name as the county. Its village, also bearing this name, was founded in 1870, as a station of the Northern Pacific railroad, which in that year was built through the county; and the next year, in the county organization, it was made the county seat.

BAIN township, and its railway station of the same name, are in honor of William Bain, the hotel owner, who is one of the proprietors of the station site.



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Family Group Record

Husband William BAIN		
Born	19 Nov 1861	Place near Montreal (Quebec) Canada
Chr.		Place
Died	1 Apr 1952	Place St. Cloud (Stearns) MN
Buried	3 Apr 1952	Place Waukenabo Cem. (Aitkin) MN
Married	28 Sep 1881	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Husband's father	Robert BAIN	
Husband's mother	Christianna HENDRIE	
Wife Florence Abbie PARSHALL		
Born	28 Mar 1862	Place Richmond (Washington) Iowa
Chr.		Place
Died	31 May 1927	Place Bain (Aitkin) MN
Buried	3 Jun 1927	Place Waukenabo Cem. (Aitkin) MN
Wife's father	William Schriev PARSHALL	
Wife's mother	Mary A. SMITH	
Children List each child in order of birth.		
1	M	Earl BAIN
Born	28 May 1882	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	8 Mar 1886	Place Iowa
Buried		Place
Spouse		
Married		Place
2	F	Florence Edna BAIN
Born	4 August 1884-5	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	30 Jul 1930	Place Whittier (Los Angeles) CA
Buried		Place
Spouse	Jesse Milton BROWN	
Married	1918	Place Tucumcari, New Mexico
3	F	Jessie Christina BAIN
Born	11 Jun 1887	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	4 Apr 1954	Place Oskaloosa (Mahaska) IA
Buried		Place Iowa
Spouse	Henry Eugene CHILCOTE	
Married	Jun 1904	Place Bain area (Aitkin) MN
4	M	Windell G. BAIN
Born	14 Aug 1888	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	28 Feb 1964	Place St. Paul (Ramsey) MN
Buried		Place
Spouse	Eda A. KEATH	
Married	20 Feb 1915	Place
5	M	Wilmar J. BAIN
Born	14 Aug 1888	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	10 May 1941	Place Los Angeles (Los Angeles) CA
Buried		Place Los Angeles (Los Angeles) CA
Spouse	Cordelia SODEN	
Married	23 Oct 1912 (D)	Place
6	F	Etta Mae BAIN
Born	18 Jun 1890	Place Webster City (Hamilton) IA
Chr.		Place
Died	1974	Place Seattle (King) WA
Buried		Place
Spouse	Frank A. HANAMAN	
Married		Place
Spouse	Earl Frederick DICKENSON	
Married		Place
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Family Group Record (cont.)

Husband William BAIN		
Wife Florence Abbie PARSHALL		
Children List each child in order of birth.		
7	F	Mary Ida BAIN
	Born	30 Nov 1895 Place Cresco (Howard) Iowa
	Chr.	Place
	Died	13 Oct 1985 Place St. Cloud (Stearns) MN
	Buried	15 Oct 1985 Place St. Cloud (Stearns) MN North Star Cemetery
	Spouse	William Loffer MEGARRY
	Married	15 Aug 1915 Place Bain (Aitkin) MN
8	M	William Schriev BAIN
	Born	23 Dec 1898 Place Iowa
	Chr.	Place
	Died	12 Apr 1908 Place Bain area (Aitkin) MN
	Buried	Place Waukenabo Cem. (Aitkin) MN
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
9	F	Gladys Minifred BAIN
	Born	28 Oct 1905 Place Twp. 50 Range 26 (Aitkin) MN
	Chr.	Place
	Died	23 Aug 1976 Place Lake Delton (Sauk) Wisconsin
	Buried	Aug 1976 Place Superior (Douglas) Wisconsin
	Spouse	Lukes John PETRON
	Married	11 Jul 1927 Place