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When Hollywood hooper Fred Astaire would retrieve his mail at the Aiken post office, he would dance up and down the stairs, to the gathered crowd's delight.

While perhaps a bit apocryphal, the story speaks to the spirit of Aiken, a long-time haven for well-heeled horses and horse owners alike, thoroughbred champions and captains of industry who made the little South Carolina town their home away from home.

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