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**1747-1822**

English physician who translated Tacitus and who also wrote about history, poetry, and medicine. An important work, *Principles of Midwifery*, was published in 1785. He entered medical school in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the age of 18. After completing his residency in surgery in Manchester, England, Aiken then went to London in 1769 to study under Dr. William Hunter.