



Richard Gist left few documentary tracks in Washington County records. We might assume that he was a young son of Nathaniel Gist without property and without a wife. When the county court took care of estate settlements, widows, and orphans of Kings Mountain soldiers at the November 1780 quarterly court session, Richard Gist is unmentioned.

On September 18th 1782 Washington County reported that they paid 4£ f10 to Nathaniel Gist, heir at law for Richard Gist for a rifle lost at Kings Mountain.

Nathaniel Gist was a property owner on Beaver Creek between Abingdon and Bristol (Blacks Fort and Sapling Grove).

Richard was identified by Samuel Newell as killed in the battle in his August 4th, 1823 letter to David Campbell. Lyman C. Draper cites the letter as his source for his account on page 304 of *Kings Mountain and its Heroes*. The typesetter apparently got off a line in the manuscript and copied Lt. Nathaniel from the Nathaniel Dryden line instead of the Private Richard Gist line.

The 1909 Kings Mountain monument carried forward the error from Draper's book instead of the accurate manuscript among his papers.