

Aug. 1, 1953

Route # 4

Sevierville, Tenn.

Mr. Luther Turner

3211 Trice Ave., Waco, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

During a recent visit to the National Archives, Washington, D.C., I checked the Revolutionary War Pension File of Nathaniel Gist. Among the other papers was a letter from you asking for information about this soldier of the Revolution.

I am not a Gist descendant, but for many years have been collecting data on the early history and people of this County (Sevier). One of our earliest settlers was one Joshua Gist, who was rather prominent here when the County was being settled just after the Revolution. It is my intention when my research has been completed to write a book. I took detailed notes on a File on General Mordecai Gist, and found proof that he was a brother of Joshua Gist.

I shall be glad to exchange information with you on this Gist family if you are interested in such correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

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J.A. Sharp