

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Mordecai Gist BLWt108-850 MD  
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State of Maryland

Baltimore County Sct.

Be it known that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1802 before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace for Baltimore County Personally appeared Independent Gist of the said County, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of the almighty God, that by the last will and Testament of General Mordecai Gist (Deceased) Mr William Calhoun was left as Executor to his Estate, and who took out letters of administration thereon about the month of November 1792. That soon after William Calhoun obtained letters of administration on his Estate he returned to Charleston S.C. where he has since resided except occasional visits to Baltimore and the Business has been transacted in his absence by Mr. James Calhoun Esqr. and he this deponent verily believes that no application (Except his calling on Gen'l Samuel Smith and the present Secretary of War) has ever been made for such Military Lands as he the said Gen'l. M Gist may be entitled to by the said William Calhoun the Executor, nor has any such application ever been made, (Except the before mentioned exceptions) by this deponent, nor does he believe that any such land was obtained by the said Mordecai Gist in his Lifetime, or by any person in his behalf since his death.

Ind't. Gist

Baltimore 16<sup>th</sup> December 1802

Colo John E Howard } [John Eager Howard]  
Washington }

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose to you what papers I have been told would be necessary for [page torn] to prove my fathers claim for Lands, to which he is entitled to for his services in the Army. I will be much obliged to you if you will try to be of service to me, in endeavouring to get the Lands for the Heirs of Gen'l. M Gists Estate. Should any other papers be necessary or should anything be wanting I will thank you to communicate the same to my Uncle Joshua Gists Westminster Maryland. I have [paper torn] that you will be so good as to excuse bad writing and all errors, as I have much to do; and to make preparations for a voyage to Charleston S.C. for which place I shall set sail tomorrow.

In haste I have the Honour to be Dear Sir your obd't Serv't

[signed] Ind. Gist

I hereby certify that Mordecai Gist of the Town or City of Baltimore, was appointed Colonel of the third Maryland Regiment at the close of the year 1776, or early in the year 1777; that the said Mordecai Gist was afterwards, to wit: about the year 1778 or 1779, appointed a Brigadier General in the armies of the United States, and that he served in the said armies in the last mentioned capacity untill the end of the war.

Given under my Hand in the Senate Chamber of the United States this 23<sup>d</sup> day of December 1802.  
John E. Howard, Lieut. Colonel of the late 6<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment.

In the Name of God Amen I Mordecai Gist of Charleston in the State of South Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and by virtue hereof dispose of my worldly goods as follows Viz. I will that all my real and personal estate wherever to be found that I may die seized of (Except a small tract of Land and my Carriage and Carriage horses hereafter Bequeathed) shall be sold by my Executor hereafter mentioned upon such credits as they may judge consistent with the interest of the Legatees after which my Debts and funeral charges being paid I give and bequeath in the following manner item I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Gist fifty

pounds sterling Item I give and bequeath to my sister Rachel Gist Fifty Pounds sterling Item I give & bequeath to my nephew Mordecai Gist son of Joshua fifty pounds sterling Item I give and bequeath to my son William Cattal all that tract of Land lying on the south side of Ashley River adjoining his plantation containing ninety acres to him and his heirs for ever Item I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary Gist my Chariot & Chariot Horses to her & her Heirs for ever &c considering the last as one whole & General Estate. Item I also give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary Gist one fourth part of all such Estate in Lieu of her Right of Dower may have nevertheless to her & her heirs for ever Deducting nevertheless from said fourth the value of such property as she may have a right to or shall an Interest in independent of me as part of the one fourth Bequeathed but in case she is not pregnant at this time it is my will that one third of my Estate both real and personal be given to her in Lieu of her Right of Dower and under the above restrictions all the rest of my Estate both real and personal wherever to be found I give and bequeath to my beloved Children hereafter mentioned to be equally divided between them share and share alike one part thereof I give to my son Independent Gist to him & his heirs for ever, one part thereof I give and bequeath to my son States Gist to him and his heirs for ever and the one other part I give and Bequeath to the Child or Children (if any) with which my wife is now pregnant to him her or them their heirs and assigns forever Lastly I nominate and appoint my Beloved wife Mary Gist Executrix to this my last will and Testament together with Christopher Gadsden and William Calhoun of South Carolina and James Sterett of Maryland firmly revoking all other wills and Ratifying and Confirming this my last will and Testament agreeable to the true Intent and meaning thereof In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of September one thousand seven hundred & ninety three.

Mordecai Gist {LS}

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us John Vanderhost [sic: Vanderhorst], Peter Freneau, Peter Marshall Neufville