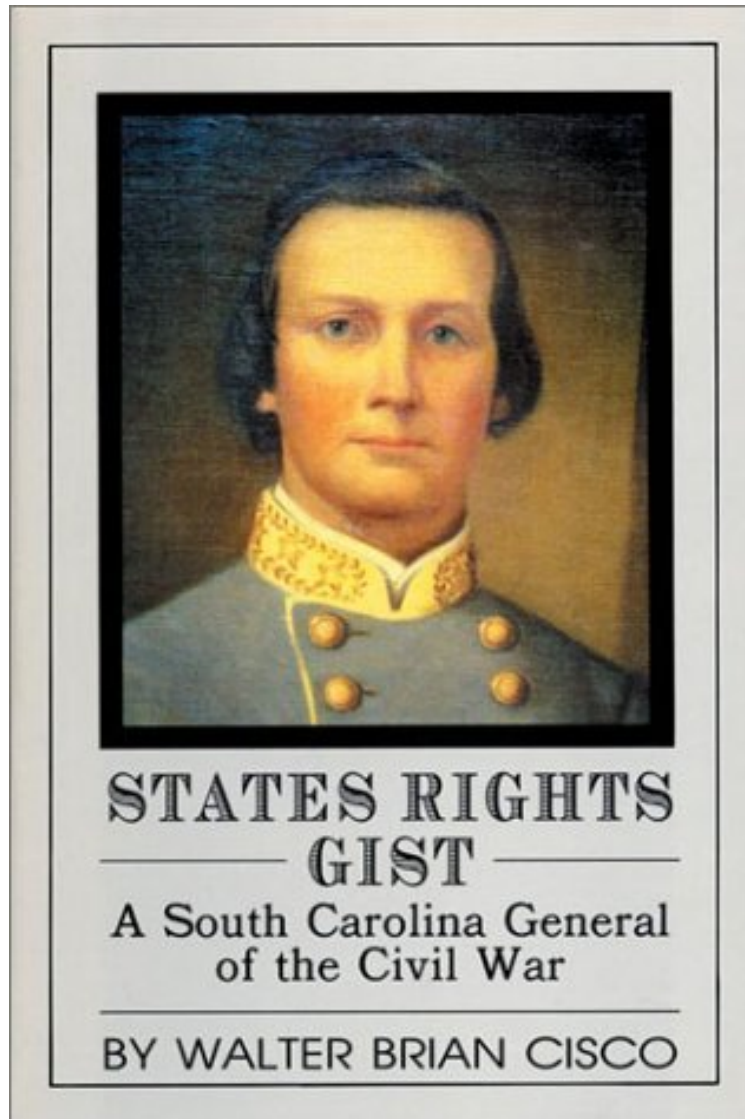


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problem with this book is that at 153 pages of text I feel cheated, I would like to have had more, a lot more. Perhaps Professor Cisco will write a more complete biography of General Gist soon. States Rights, yes that was his birth name, Gist was an officer in the Confederacy during the Civil War he was a General in the South Carolina Militia and moved over to the regular Confederate Army during the Civil War, he was one of the second or third echelon generals of the war, a group not that much is known about other than a pigeon dropings covered memorial in some small town where they born or lived. Gist was a Harvard trained lawyer by trade and became an officer in the militia before the war. Through politics, his father was governor for awhile, and good organizational skills he rose very quickly to the rank of general. When the war started he was reduced in rank to Colonel and commanded a Regiment that was somewhat less then distinguished in the field, but through losses to other officers he was promoted to general and at the time of his death at the battle of Franklin in 1864 he held the rank of Major general. Professor Walter Cisco who wrote this book does a good job of describing the battles of the Tennessee theatre of operations and how Grant defeated the Confederates at Chattanooga and how the Rebels lost the advantage through poor generalship and in itself is reason to read this book. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. State Rights Gist By John M. Colvin A well researched book that is not politically correct! Facts and details are very good and informative reading. Would recommend. Mc

Named States Rights Gist by his father, the Harvard Law School graduate went on to become a Confederate general despite his lack of formal military training. This biography fills in the outline of Gist that other historians have left incomplete. His brilliant performance in high command led him to become a militia general at the age of twenty-four. He participated in the first shots at Fort Sumter and lead the charge at Franklin, Tennessee, dying gallantly in the process. In the interim, he was a combat leader at First Manassas, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and the Atlanta campaign.

From Library Journal An excellent biography of a lesser-known Confederate general. Gist, nicknamed "States Rights" for his father's political beliefs, was one of the few non-West Point graduates to become a general in the Confederate Army. Trained as a lawyer, he gained a political appointment due to family connections and had worked his way up to Adjutant General of the state of South Carolina by the time of secession. Given the rank of brigadier general, he commanded small units in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia until his unit was transferred to the Army of Tennessee. He participated in the Battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the Atlanta campaign, and the Battle of Franklin, where he was killed. The book gives us an interesting overview of how an untrained politician becomes an effective military leader. Recommended for specialized collections of Civil War military history and regional history collections. History Book Club selection. - W. Walter Wick er, Louisiana Tech Univ., Ruston Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Publisher "An excellent biography of a lesser-known Confederate general . . . The book gives an interesting overview of how an untrained politician becomes an effective military leader. Recommended for specialized collections of Civil War military history and regional history collections." --Library Journal "The great strength of Cisco's book is the author's exemplary story-telling abilities. His clear, evocative explanations of the political and social psychology of the antebellum South are superb. Cisco is a major new talent." --Charleston Post and Courier "Brilliantly researched and movingly written, Cisco's States Rights Gist is a perfect match for the man, who has deserved a good biography and has one at last." --William C. Davis, History Book Club "Cisco has uncovered all known information about the man and presented it in both readable and reliable fashion." --Richmond News Leader "Walter Brian Cisco has rescued Gist from the obscurity of mid-level command. His solid, well-researched biography tells the story not only of its subject, but also of all the brave young men of the South who went off to war to fight for their beliefs. The story of Gist's personality, dedication, courage and ability is a moving one that brings home the cost of war." --Orlando Sentinel "In the final analysis, Cisco's States Rights Gist is a well-written book about a little-known Civil War general, making it a valuable literary contribution." --Civil War Regiments "Walter Brian Cisco has revealed the eloquent, brilliant, and respected young Southerner behind the name." --Southern Partisan From the Inside Flap Named in honor of his father's strong political beliefs and educated at Harvard Law School, South Carolina's States Rights Gist became an important leading militia general in the Civil War. From his participation in the first shots fired at Fort Sumter, Gist helped strengthen the Confederate army and train new recruits to fight against the invading Union troops. A lawyer by trade and with little military training, Gist proved himself a capable and determined leader throughout the war. He served in the Confederate Army of the Potomac and fought in crucial conflicts, including the First Battle of Manassas, the Battle of Atlanta, and the attacks on Chickamauga and Chattanooga. While leading a charge in 1864's Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, Gist was killed. His death marked another loss for the fading Confederacy, as he was one of six generals killed in John Bell Hood's useless and futile charge. Although not as legendary as other Confederate leaders such as Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson or Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, States Rights Gist was an influential politician and leader during the Civil War era and helped shaped the future of a changing nation. Walter Brian Cisco is a lifelong student of the Civil War, one of the most violent periods in U.S. history. He served in the United States Army for three years and saw action in Vietnam. He is the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal and was a captain in the South Carolina State Guard. He lives in Orangeburg, South

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