The Gibson cemetery, locally referred to frequently as the Tory Cemetery is on the north side of state highway # 522 from Heath Springs to Stoneboro and os about a mile beyond the crossroads at the former J. Truesdale Stover home. The graves are across the road in front of Mr. Coke H. Bennett's childhood home about a quarter of a mile more or less.

In a recent search no trace of the original stones could be found. But Mr. Bennett recalled that as a boy he had gone one winter's day with an uncle, Mr. Minor C. Mackey, now deceased, to the cemetery and had helped to decipher the inscriptions while his uncle copied them. Accordingly he went to the home of Mr. Mackey's son, Walter F. Mackey, who now has possession of all his father's old papers. There after a search through an old trunk full of papers the inscriptions were found, just as Mr. Mackey had copied them with the notation that the copies had been made on February -28, 1935. The inscriptions are given here just as copied by him on that day:

John Cannerdy (Cannady?)/Gibson joined the Brittish Reg. / at age 16 / Died in a skirmish at Hanging Rock Aug. 6, 1780./

White, England.

Thomas Victory (Vickory?) Gibson / age 24 /mortally GIBSON wounded ... / and died August 12, 1780./

White, England.

HOLLIMAN Samuel C. Holliman / a Tory / born April 7, 1754 / departed this life 12th A.D. 1832 / age 78.

> Jas. M. Beatty / ... / in Belfast, Ireland ... BEATTY

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