



Purchased 400 acres on Cane Creek on 9 Nov 1764. (Cane Creek flows south from near Dysartsville to the Second Broad River passing near Brittain Church.)

Draper papers 7DD, Page 90, 21 Sep 1880: "John Smart went into the fight with 19 bullets and when found after being shot through the head and killed, he had his last bullet....between his teeth having been killed while in the act of loading his last charge of ammunition. He was noted for his courage. His grandson lives within one mile of my house." W. L. Twitty, Brittain

7DD, Page 93, 19 Oct 1880: "John Smart was as good a whig and as brave a man as any that fought at Kings Mountain. He was killed by a loyalist by the name of Hughs (his neighbor). A certain friend of Smart's, said that he saw Hughs shoot him and in consequence of this information, Hughs had to flee the country after the war as many loyalist associates did. John Smart left 5 daughters and one son John Smart, Jr, who it is said went west in pursuit of Hughs with the avowed purpose of avenging his father's death. John Smart's daughter (Mrs. Tomerlin) is living 4 miles north of Rutherfordton".



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