



Casey's House		GPS: 34.49374°N 81.59690°W	Confidence: 3
Duncan Creek East	ca.11/27/1781	GPS: 34.49023°N 81.59221°W	Confidence: 2
Duncan Creek West		GPS: 34.49307°N 81.62117°W	Confidence: 1
Cunningham's Men Hanged	ca.11/27/1781	GPS: 34.49882°N 81.60512°W	Confidence: 4

Directions: At the intersection of SC Highways 72, US Highway 176 and SC Highway 121, go southeast on US Highway 176 and SC Highway 121 for about 200 yards to the site of **Cunningham's Men Hanged** at the intersection of US Highway 176 (Old Charleston Road) and Colonial Drive (Old Ninety-Six Road). From there continue southeast on US Highway 176 about .6 mile to **Casey's House** on the right about 50 yards from the road. Then continue further on US Highway 176 for about .4 mile to the bridge over Duncan Creek and **Duncan Creek East** site. **Duncan Creek West** is located on SC Highway 66 just south of Whitmire at the bridge over Duncan's Creek. **Note:** John Boyce's house is not shown on this map as it is about 1.5 miles northeast from Duncan Creek East in Union County and is shown in the Union County section of this guide.

Duncan Creek Action: South Carolina Loyalist militia Maj. William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham rode to the house of John Boyce in the southern portion of Union County. Boyce had just returned home from American service and was well known to Cunningham. Boyce had just sat down to dinner when he heard horses close by. He hurried to the door and saw "Bloody Bill" and his gang approaching his house. Boyce had to escape or die, so he ran at the Loyalists' horses and waved his hat in their faces, making the horses shy left and right. He continued running through the startled Loyalists into the woods. Cunningham tried to ride him down and succeeded in striking at Boyce with his sword, but Boyce warded off the blow with his hand. Cunningham severed three of Boyce's fingers, but he made it to the thick woods where Cunningham's horse could not follow.

Boyce watched Cunningham and his men ride away, then mounted his horse and rode to the house of his militia commander, Capt. Christopher Casey. Casey rounded up 15 men and rode after the Loyalists. At Duncan Creek on the Enoree River they captured a few of Cunningham's stragglers. Casey took them to the intersection of the Charleston and Ninety Six Roads and hanged them from a hickory tree as a warning to others who might take up arms against the Americans. The Loyalists were buried at the foot of the tree.

Note: There are two possible places that the stragglers were captured at Duncan Creek. Both are shown on the map, but Duncan Creek East is the most likely of the two locations since it is closer to Casey's, the site of the hangings and on the way to the Ninety Six Road from Casey's.