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JOHN SMEATON 1724 – 1792.

British engineer. Born at Austhorpe nr Leeds. June 8th 1724, he early showed remarkable mechanical ability. Though educated for the bar, he turned his attention to the manufacture of scientific instruments and wrote many engineering papers for the Royal Society, the gold medal of which he received in 1759 for his paper on wind and water mills. He made a special study of canal and harbour construction and in 1755 he was called upon to replace the Second Eddystone lighthouse, a work he completed in 1759. He built a number of bridges including those at Perth, Banff & Coldstream & constructed the Forth & Clyde Canal. In 1771 he founded an engineering club which eventually became the Institution of Civil Engineers. He died Oct 28th 1792.

Some of Smeatons Mills are shown on this Property Plan.