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Rutherford History Tour Set Saturday

FOREST CITY, April 8—Plans are complete for the first of a series of historical tours of Rutherford County. The tour, sponsored by the Rutherford County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be carried out Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Five of the county's numerous historic spots will be visited Saturday.

The group will meet Saturday at 2 o'clock at historic Brittain Presbyterian Church (built in 1768). This is one of the oldest churches in Western North Carolina. A short history of the church will be given by Miss Eva Hampton, after which a pilgrimage of the ancient cemetery will be made. A number of Revolutionary soldiers are buried in the old cemetery, including Lieut. Thomas McCullough and others who were wounded at Kings Mountain and died in the Patriot camp near by.

This tour of the church and grounds will be in charge of Miles Hampton and Gilmer Long, whose forebearers were founders of the church and also active in the cause of liberty.

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From Brittain the motorcade will proceed to the Samuel Andrews plantation on Cane Creek. At that point Attorney Nat C. Hamrick of Rutherfordton will make a short address, pointing out many interesting facts about the role of the Andrews family in the Revolutionary War and the early days of the state.

The third place of interest to be visited will be in the Sunshine community where the oak stood on which nine Tories were hanged following the battle of Kings Mountain. This is believed to have been the first military court martial held by the new United States Government. Here Clarence Griffin of Forest City, an authority on Rutherford County history, will be the speaker and give details of the trial and hanging.

The motorcade will next proceed to Gilbert Town near Rutherfordton, the site of the county's first courthouse and the home of several noted Rutherford citizens. Here Mr. Griffin will make a short address on the significance of Gilbert Town.

The tour will end at the graveside of Colonel Andrew Hampton, who

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commanded the Rutherford County troops in the Battle of Kings Mountain, and was a noted Whig partisan. Here Mrs. Hattie Hampton McFarland, a direct descendant of Col. Hampton, will give a biography of his life. The highlight of the occasion will be the display of the sword which Col. Hampton carried throughout the American Revolution.