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## DAR SPONSORS EVENT

*April 15 - 1953  
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# Many Go On Historic Tour Of Rutherford

RUTHERFORDTON — Approximately 90 persons met at historic Brittain Presbyterian Church, eight miles from Rutherfordton, Saturday afternoon for a tour of historic sites and spots in Rutherford county.

At Brittain the guests were welcomed on behalf of the church and members of Rutherford county chapter, D.A.R., sponsors of the tour, by Miss Eva Hampton, who also gave a brief history of the church. Brittain, which is the oldest Presbyterian — and thought to be the oldest church of any denomination in the county—was organized in 1768. The ground for the present church site was given by William Long under a grant of the King of England.

A church guest book was pre-

sented to the Brittain church on this occasion, from Mrs. Carl Long Johnson, in memory of her father, J. A. Long, for many years a leader and officer in the church, and a descendant of William Long.

### TOUR CEMETERY

A tour of the Brittain cemetery was conducted, in two groups, by Miles Hampton and Gilmer Long. Graves of numerous Revolutionary soldiers were pointed out, including that of Lieut. McCullough, who was also a leader in the church. At the grave of Dr. Krause one of his descendants now living in the Union Mills section, explained that Dr. Krause served as a doctor on a ship that came to America during the Revolution. In passing, it was men-

tioned that the first settlers in the Brittain community came during the French and Indian war.

County historian Clarence Griffin gave the history at Gilbert Town, site of the first civil court in the county, which is about four miles from the present court house. Griffin also gave the story of the old oak tree at Sunshine, on which eight Tories were hanged. A piece of the old tree stump was brought away by the regent of Rutherford County Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, to be fashioned into a museum relic for Rutherford County Library.

Of special interest was the old Andrews home, where J. Nat Hamrick gave a sketch of the services of various members of this family in the Revolution. The house, which is a three-story frame structure, and one of the oldest in the county, was opened and the group permitted to go through and look it over. This old land mark is owned by a descendant of Samuel Andrews of Revolutionary fame.

The tour ended at the grave of Col. Andrew Hampton, and at that point Mrs. A. A. McFarland, a direct descendant of Col. Hampton, placed a wreath on his grave, displayed the sword which he carried all through the war, and gave a sketch of his life and military service. Col. Hampton's grave is on top of what is known as Ferguson's Hill.

Out-of-county persons who joined the motorcade for the historical tour included Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Spence and Miss Caruthers of Montreat; Dr. and Mrs. Roy Long (descendant of William Long) of Glen Alpine; Dr. and Mrs. C.

Wilson Orr of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Alice Salo of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. E. A. Hayden of Tallahassee, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Hall of Spruce Pine, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Andrews (descendants of Samuel Andrews) of Spartanburg, S. C.