

**Press Release - Rutherford County Historical Society  
September 27, 2017**

**Historical Society's Collection On Display**

The most significant artifacts owned by the Rutherford County Historical Society will be on display each Saturday in October from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at St. John's Church, 316 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton. Items to be shown date from the American Revolutionary War, the antebellum era, the Civil War, and the late 19th century. The event is free and open to the public.

The Rutherford County Historical Society was established on April 5, 1935. For more than 80 years the organization has been a strong voice and a determined advocate for the study, research, and preservation of this county's diverse history. In 2014, the North Carolina Society of Historians presented its Barringer Award for Excellence to the Rutherford County Historical Society, recognizing the organization as one of the oldest and leading county-wide heritage societies in the state.

St. John's Church, constructed in 1847, has been owned by the Historical Society since 1980. The church has been designated by the NC Division of Archives & History as the most significant Greek Revival-style ecclesiastical building in western North Carolina. It is preserved with many pieces of original furniture, including a collection of 14 handmade pine pews. Docents will be on hand to share information about the building and to answer questions about each artifact in the Historical Society's collection.

Historical Society publications, as well as a large collection of other regional history and heritage books and commemorative items, will be available for purchase during the open house events. Information will also be available on how to join and support the Historical Society. For more information contact Robin S. Lattimore, RCHS president, at 828-447-1474 or [rlattimore@tjca.org](mailto:rlattimore@tjca.org).