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3. Spangler's Mill

On the left side of US 11-South, W. King St. or the Valley Pike, as it leaves Strasburg on the west side of town.—The mill (**above**) survived Sheridan's burning of Valley assets probably because it was used to grind grain for the Union army. Kershaw's and Wharton's columns passed Spangler's Mill on their way to attack at Cedar Creek. A short walk east from the mill is a historical marker for the creek crossing that became blocked during the Confederate retreat, causing the loss to them of many vehicles and artillery.

The next four stops are on the western outskirts of the battle, where Tom Rosser's horsemen operated against Union cavalry on Sheridan's right flank. It's a scenic ride. **Below** is Tumbling Run along the base of Fisher's Hill, where Jubal Early's army concentrated before the Battle of Cedar Creek.

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4. Lebanon Church

Intersection of the Back Rd. (Virginia Rt. 55), and the Middle Rd. north of Strasburg.—Confederate cavalry general Thomas L. Rosser passed this way several times during his probes of, and forays against, the Union position before and during the Battle of Cedar Creek. The present church (**above**) is at the site of the war-time structure.

A mile and a half north of Lebanon Church was a ford of Cedar Creek at Cupp's Mill, reached today only from the east bank and visited later on the Tour. The Middle Rd. crossing of Cedar Creek **below**, along the way to Cedar Creek Church, is marked by steep banks. This may have contributed to Rosser taking a more round-about route through the mountains for his attack on the Union picket post at Cedar Creek Church on the night of October 17-18.

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