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Brainard Cemetery Restoration Update

Dear Nassau Resident:

The Town of Nassau's effort to reclaim an abandoned burial ground where veterans of several wars are interred is nearing completion.

Brainard Rural Cemetery is located on Route 20 in the hamlet of Brainard. The cemetery is estimated to contain approximately 300 burials including early residents of the community and graves of veterans of the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

The restoration of this small but historic burial ground has sparked tremendous interest from the community and has engaged our residents in the history of the town of Nassau. The Town is thankful to the many residents that contributed funds for this project and to the State Cemetery Board which approved nearly \$30,000 for restoration efforts. Because of community support, Nassau is able to suitably honor our early settlers and veterans of several wars.

Residents also contributed funds to erect a historic marker at the site and to restore some of the gravestones. State funds paid for the removal of many dangerous trees, a survey of the cemetery and the quality fencing and gates that now encircle the burial ground. State funds also ensured the restoration of nearly sixty (60) damaged and dangerous monuments.

Thank you to all that have made this project possible.

Best regards,

David Fleming, Nassau Town Supervisor