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BERGEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORIC MARKER TO BE DEDICATED SATURDAY APRIL 3, IN CLOSTER AT THE NAUGLE/AURYANSEN CEMETERY

In the fast moving, modern Borough of Closter with its great schools and parks and SUV's zipping hither and yon, few people realize that an historic cemetery is located in a residential area behind a group of split levels and mini-mansions. This is where Closter's earlier settlers rest.

For the past few years, the Closter Historical Society, Historic Commission, Closter D.P.W. and Eagle Scouts have worked hard, aiding the remaining members of the Naugle/Auryansen family in bringing the cemetery out of a precarious mode and into one of preservation and restoration.

On Saturday, April 3rd, a prestigious Bergen County Historical Society blue and silver historic sites marker which tells about the history of the cemetery and the significant early settlers who are buried there will be unveiled and dedicated. Names familiar to the area such as Naugle, Auryansen, Ferdon, Parsells, Demarest, Haring and Bogart are found on the 18th & 19th century stones. Military markers note the graves of five Revolutionary War soldiers.

The cemetery was once part of the farmland of Barent and Resolvent Nagel (now spelled Naugle) and descended in the Naugle and Auryansen families to the present day. Numerous descendants of these families and many local dignitaries will be present at the

1pm dedication on the Susan Drive (at 44 Susan Drive off Ruckman Road) side of the cemetery.

The cemetery can also be reached from Hickory Lane by way of an historically marked path near some of the original 1700s Naugle stone homes.

Bergen County Historical Society since 1960 has had a continuing program of designating historic sites in the county with their distinctive blue and silver markers. The markers bring acknowledgement and respect to Bergen's historic sites while educating the public about the history in their midst.

Closter is pleased to have this significant reminder of its history honored and recognized as the town begins a month-long celebration of its 300 years of settlement based on the recorded deed, of when the two Nagel brother bought 1,030 acres of what is now Closter in April 1710. Thirty events including talks, films, musicals, children's events and a revolutionary war re-enactment are planned during the month.

This event is open to the public and is free. Attendees will learn much about Closter's history from the dignitaries and speakers and by touring the cemetery.

More information on the 300-year celebration is available at the Closter Library and at www.closterboro.com.