

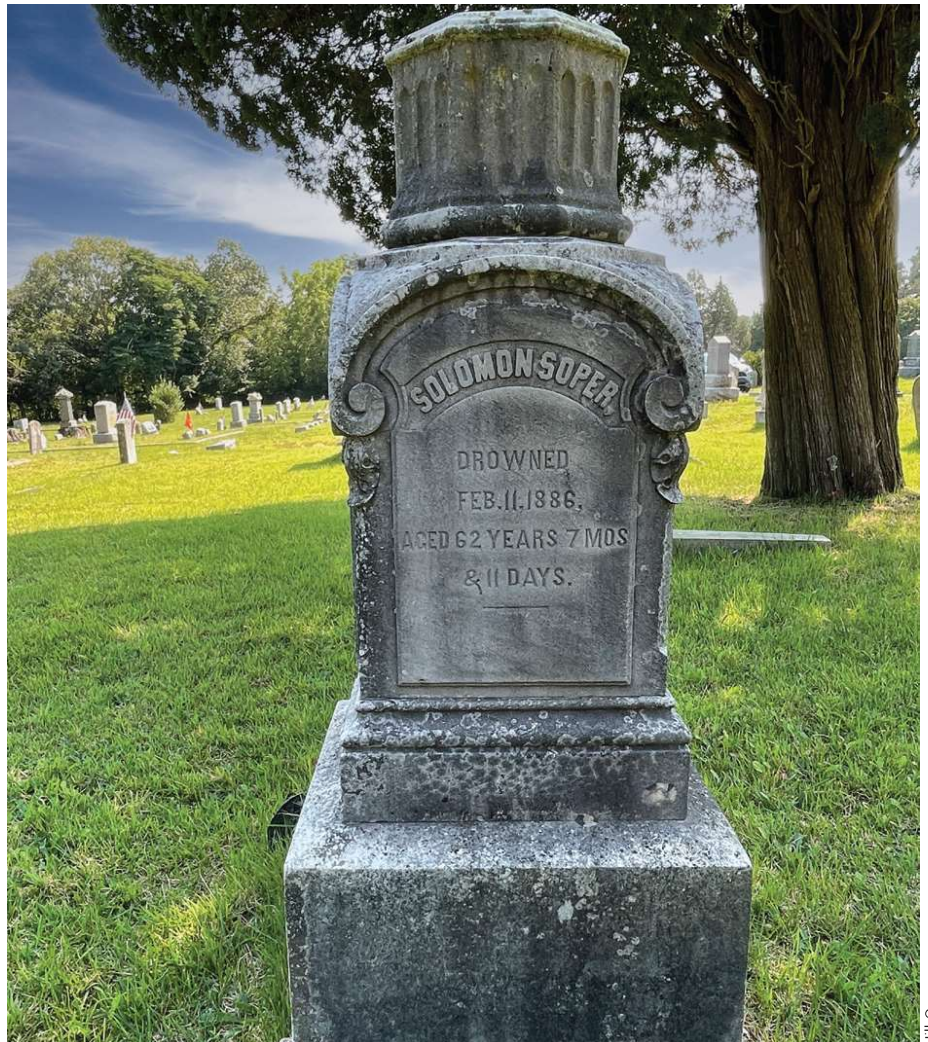
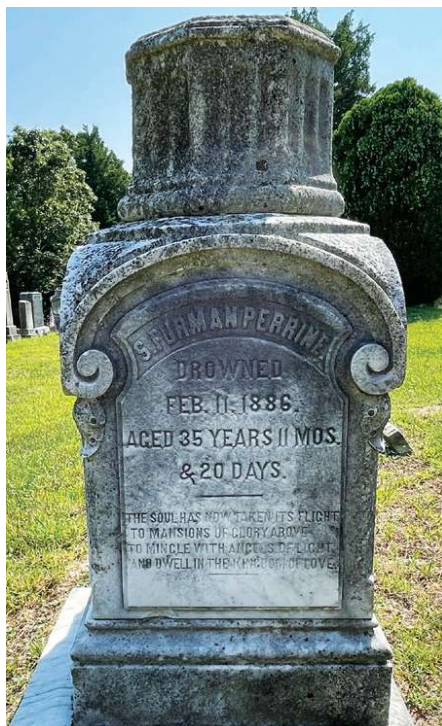
met” and the most disastrous wreck of 1886. All three are buried at Barnegat Memorial Cemetery on Bay Avenue in Barnegat.

One of the surfmen’s bodies, that of Samuel Furman Perrine, drifted off in the current and was recovered an hour later by members of the Life-Saving Service in Loveladies. An ugly bruise across his face, which may have been the result of violent contact with wood from the boat or an oar, suggested he was killed instantly, although he is officially recorded as being drowned. Perrine went by his middle name, Furman, and left behind his wife, Ellen. They had two children, both of whom previously died very young, Stephen (January 1873 - August 1873) and Ida (May 1876 - October 1877). One side of his gravestone reads,

S. FURMAN PERRINE
LOST HIS LIFE WHILE TRYING
TO RESCUE TO CREW OF THE
BARK KRALJEVICA

and the other reads,

S. FURMAN PERRINE
DROWNED
FEB. 11. 1886.
AGED 35 YEARS 11 MOS.
& 20 DAYS
THE SOUL HAS NOW TAKEN ITS FLIGHT
TO MANSIONS OF GLORY ABOVE
TO MINGLE WITH ANGELS OF LIGHT
AND DWELL IN THE KINGDOM OF LOVE



Above: Gravestone of Solomon Soper at Barnegat Memorial Cemetery in Barnegat. Below: Gravestone of Samuel Furman Perrine, also at Barnegat Memorial Cemetery.

Another surfman, sixty-two-year-old Solomon Soper, lost consciousness as the boat capsized and drowned soon afterwards. He was most likely exhausted from fatiguing labor at the oar before the long-boat’s demise. Solomon left behind his wife, Nancy Elizabeth. One side of his gravestone reads,

SOLOMON SOPER
LOST HIS LIFE WHILE TRYING
TO RESCUE TO CREW OF THE
BARK KRALJEVICA

and the other reads,

SOLOMON SOPER
DROWNED
FEB. 11. 1886.
AGED 62 YEARS 7 MOS
& 11 DAYS.

Known for being an excellent swimmer, the third surfman, John I. Soper, was within fifty yards of

shore when he was swept out by the current, ultimately succumbing to exhaustion then drowning. John was survived by his wife, Charity, and a daughter, Johnetta, who was born four months after his death in June 1886, but died in August 1887, at just over one year old. One side of John’s tombstone reads,

JOHN I. SOPER.
LOST HIS LIFE WHILE TRYING
TO RESCUE TO CREW OF THE
BARK KRALJEVICA

and the other reads,

JOHN I SOPER
DROWNED
FEB 11, 1886.
AGED 47 YEARS 3 MOS
& 1 DAY.
ALL IS DARK WITHIN OUR DWELLING
LONELY ARE OUR HEARTS TODAY
FOR THE ONE WE LOVED SO DEARLY
HAS FOREVER PASSED AWAY.