Gone But Not Forgotten is a graphic essay including tombstone rubbings along with commentary and pictures of New Jersey cemetery customs - past and present. Its inventory ranges from the finest stone carvings of the 18th century to drawings of the grave markers of Newark’s original settlers who were re-interred in the Settler’s Monument located in Fairmount Cemetery.

Part of the exhibition is centered around the handsome forceful rubbings by art historian John Zielenski who has selectively and skillfully picked some of the region’s most interesting examples, and presents them to us, not in a black and white format, but in compelling color prints which illustrate their importance as a major art form from an earlier time. In fact, these examples of New Jersey and Newark sculpture stand totally alone as works of art in a period where there is no counterpart.

Joshua and Daniel Crane, 1748/9. Headstones originally in Newark’s Old Burying Ground, relocated to a crypt in Fairmount Cemetery. Depicted in ink by James Swinneton, 1890.

James Williams, 1758 by Uzal Ward of Newark, Presbyterian Cemetery, Orange, NJ by John Zielenski.
Also included are photographs by Jean-Rae Turner, Julius Spohn and Star-Ledger photographers accompanied by an inventory and essays about Newark’s cemeteries as well as references to interesting and remarkable monuments and memorials scattered throughout New Jersey. Recent photographs include sites from West Long Branch, Sandy Hook, Belmar and Bloomfield. This picture inventory includes references to different types of grave markers and burial sites of famous New Jerseyans as well as unusual tombs. Examples of varied final resting places include 18th century churchyards, landscaped Victorian park-like sites, a variety of headstones, mausoleums, and even a coastal reef designed to incorporate the ashes of a recently departed loved one.

“Resting in peace” is not necessarily a sad story, but one of fond remembrance and respect.

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