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My sister and I
made crayon copies
in that cemetery down the road,
pressed our paper and wax
along the limestone grooves.
Our dear Drowned, 1872 etched
in burnt sienna. The rest of
the rock so eaten away,
shrouded by molding coral crusts.
No color can make sense of names,
dates for the dead
taken by the wind.
She rubbed harder,
believing we could summon the stone.