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On the way to the new station

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1754



- Peaked Hill Bars -

- August 1930 -

1863

The historic wreck of the ship Sparrowhawk was discovered on the back side of Cape Cod in 1863 by Solomon Linnell of Orleans, who lived to the age of 96 years and eight months. The Sparrowhawk's skeleton is in Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth, Mass. It was wrecked in the early 17th century. Shifting sands covered it; years later, it was re-discovered by Mr. Linnell.

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1 On this evening in 1863 one of the largest ships ever to strike on Cape Cod and survive to sail the seas again, the British steamer Caledonia, came ashore in thick weather on the backside of Provincetown. No lives were lost, but much of her cargo of linen and cloth found its way into Provincetown homes. She was a ship of 1130 tons, valued at \$200,000. After she struck on the outer bar, an ebbing tide left her broadside to the beach, her seams wide open, listing hard over. With her cargo removed, after many days of arduous labor, the Caledonia was sold at auction with engines, boilers, 200 tons of coal, on Feb. 19, 1863, for \$14,000. Wreckers worked off and on for eight months, stripped out the heavy steam engines, and finally, on October 13th, she was floated and towed away to Boston, to be outfitted again and resume her plodding on the trade routes of the seven seas.