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(S.D.)-Sleuths Try To Solve 130-Year-Old Skeleton Mystery



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DEADWOOD, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Modern sleuths are using the latest scientific techniques to try to solve the 130-year-old mystery of a young man whose remains were found in Deadwood.

He was buried in Ingleside Cemetery sometime between the town's earliest origins in 1876 and the latter part of 1878.

That's when town leaders moved the cemetery up the hill, away from the growing town.

But they missed the man whose remains were unearthed last year when construction crews worked on a retaining wall at 66 Taylor Ave.

Archaeologists and city workers found 99 percent of the man's skeleton and some clues to his life.

Now a forensic anthropologist will try to identify him and other experts will check for clues in the gold fillings found in his teeth.