

DNA shows Titanic toddler is British

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LONDON -- Canadian researchers said they've changed their minds about the identity of a young boy who died in the 1912 Titanic disaster and say the child is British. The body was once identified a 13-month-old from Finland. Now scientists say they are convinced the body is that of Sidney Leslie Goodwin, a 19-month-old from Britain, The Telegraph newspaper said Thursday. Sidney was traveling with his parents Frederick and Augusta Goodwin and their five other children, the newspaper said. The body, whose name remained unknown for more than 90 years, was buried in a cemetery in Nova Scotia in a grave marked the "Unknown Child." Previous DNA testing of bone and teeth fragments led researchers to conclude the boy was Eino Panula of Finland. New testing on the child's HVS1, a type of mitochondria DNA molecule, didn't match the Panula family, the researchers said. The team eventually used DNA evidence from a surviving relative of the British child to find a match, the newspaper said.

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