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Hi Melanie

re: Grave site on Rem of Ptn 1 of Farm Bartlett No 16387

As far as we are aware the gravesite began in the time of the Hammond's ownership of the land, being in the ownership of the Hammonds for 2 generations. The last there was a Mr John Edward Maxwell Hammond, aka "Eddie" – his father was a Mr A.A. Hammond. Eddie Hammond sold to George Bartlett, in 1973, and he moved after a while to an old age home in Durban – where he died without issue. George told me that some of Eddie's staff dug up the graves for "muti" – this happened more than once, and George re-interred the remains.

The grave yard became a mess, and I recovered the only remaining piece of headstone, that which Rod took a picture of, being Eric Gardiner. One of our long time employees, Jikamthethu Shosho, who is still alive but retired, living in Fredville, but not at all well, informed me that the "grave robbers" were looking for money buried with the "white men's" bodies – he was involved in re-interring.

My delay in getting back to you was that I was trying to trace (without luck) a Mr Percy Millin, who may be the only person to shed more light if needed – I don't know if he is still living. Marie Dawsons contact is 082 320 4688, but I doubt she can assist. I have managed the farm for 25 years, and have never seen a single person visiting or enquiring on the grave site.

This is all we know  
Regards  
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