

*What's in a name?* Well, there's a lot of history in names, as during periods of time, certain names are more popular than others.

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For example, the top 5 most common female names among women buried at NCC, whose birth years fell between 1775-1874, were:

- **Mary**
- **Sarah**
- **Elizabeth**
- **Martha**
- **Nancy**

The top 5 most common male names of the same period and birth years were:

- **John**
- **James**
- **William**
- **George**
- **Thomas**

So, what's your name, and what can you learn about the history of your name at the Nashville City Cemetery?



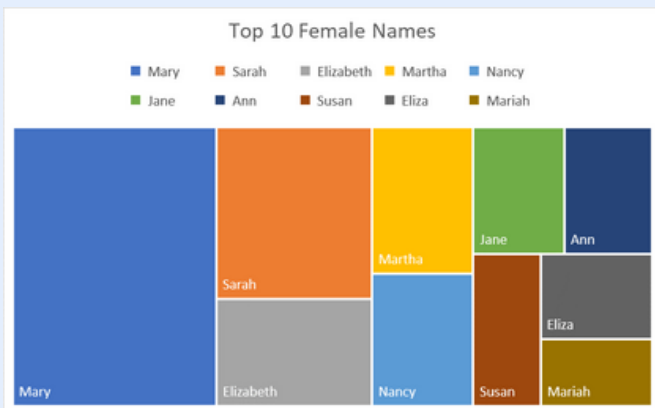
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Come learn more about the history of names at the Nashville City Cemetery

While **Mary** was by far the most popular female name overall, other names within the top five gained or lost popularity over time.



There was a fairly even tie between **Mary** and **Sarah** (as well as **Nancy**, which was close behind), until the 1800-1824 period, when there was a surge in the use of the name **Mary**. The name **Nancy** became significantly less popular and dropped to fifth by the 1850-1874 period.

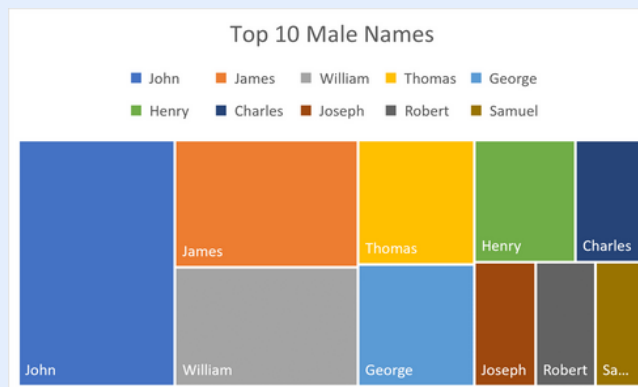
From 1800-1874, **Mary** and **Sarah** were clearly the most popular female names, though **Elizabeth** became more popular than **Nancy** in the latter years.

Among male names, **John** was clearly the most popular across time, followed by **James**.

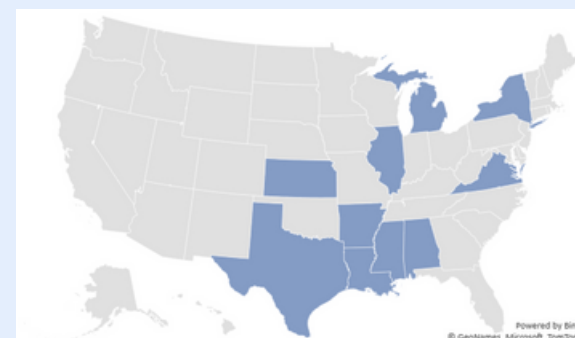
However, in the period 1800-1824, **William** overtook **James** as the most second popular name, only to fall back into third place in the latter periods.

**Thomas** and **George** were nearly equally popular from 1775-1824, with Thomas always slightly more popular, but **George** became notably more popular than **Thomas** in the 1850-1874 period.

**John** was more than twice as popular than each of the others names in 1800-1824.



Lastly, a large amount of the individuals buried at NCC were not native to the Nashville area. *The map below shows some of the main areas these individuals were from.*



Among transplants from other areas, near and far, **Mary**, **Martha**, and **Ellen** were the most common first names among women.

Among men of the same group, **John**, **Thomas**, and **William** were the most popular.

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This study of names was conducted with data captured by NCC via a historical burial record.

You can learn more at <http://www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org/>