



Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County Open Data Metadata

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What Does this Dataset Describe?

Dataset Title	Nashville City Cemetery interments, 1846-Present
Short Description	list of interments in the historic Nashville City Cemetery
Category	Education
Metro Information Classification*	Public (no risk)
OPTIONAL Tags / Keywords (separated by commas)	Nashville City Cemetery, city cemetery, cemetery, historic nashville, historic nashvillians, historic cemetery, living history, great nashville stories, nashville founders, nashville settlers, 19 th century
Source System	original interment books
Source Link	original interment books housed in the collection of Metro Archives and the Metro Historical Commission
Full Non-Technical Description	
List of burials in the Nashville City Cemetery from original documents, 1846-present (1822-1846 are lost)	

* The Information Classification policy that explain's Metro's levels is found at:

http://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/ITS/docs/Information%20Security/7_2_2_InformationClassificationPolicy.pdf

Does the Dataset Reflect a Particular Time Period?

Source Date	periodically
Start Date	1846
End Date	N/A
Dataset Refresh Interval	Surviving records begin in 1846 and are updated as required for new interments.
Dataset Review Date	ongoing
Data Expiration Date	N/A
Comments	The bulk of available records run through 1979, although new burials occur to present.

Dataset Definition/Format

Data Field Name	Format	Description
Volume	Number	volume number
Number	Number	number for the burial in that year
Date	Date	burial date
Name	Text	name of deceased
Age	Number	age of deceased
Sex	Text	gender of deceased
Race	Text	race of deceased

Residence	Text	residence of deceased
Disease	Text	cause of death
Ave	Text	general location of burial
Lot	Text	family lot, if applicable
Remark	Text	additional information re. deceased
Page	Website URL	history page on NCCA site of deceased
ID	Number	unique ID # of marker/grave

Additional Dataset Considerations

Dataset Technical Description	list of interments in the Nashville City Cemetery 1846-present (1822-1846 are lost)
Dataset Assumptions	Information is accurate as of May 30, 2014; however, not all fields will be populated for every record. Updates made as new information comes available. Not every burial is represented by this list. In addition to the earliest cemetery records being lost, not every burial was individually recorded, particularly in the case of group/mass interments and/or relocations.
Why was the Dataset Created?	To record in the greatest detail possible, individuals buried in the historic Nashville City Cemetery.
How was the Dataset Created?	Nashville City Cemetery opened in 1822. The City Cemetery Sexton was responsible for entering the names and dates of burials in the Interment Books. The first 24 years of burial records were lost during the Civil War. The original Interment Books (1846-1979) are in the collection of Metro Archives. These volumes are too fragile to be used by researchers. To make this important information available to the public, Metro Archives and the Nashville Town Committee of Colonial Dames sponsored a joint project. The Dames underwrote a complete new transcription of the Interment Books. In 2007, the 19,745 burial records went on-line on the Nashville Public Library website. The Metro Historical Commission has maintained records of

	all new interments at its office and has since January 1, 1980. In 2014, the database was expanded to include links to existing cemetery markers and inscriptions where applicable, and then made available through Data.Nashville.gov.
What similar or related data should the user be aware of?	The Nashville City Cemetery Association maintains a website which collects and makes available as much information as possible, related to the individuals interred in the Nashville City Cemetery. The associations website is: <i>thenashvillecitycemetery.org</i> and through it may be found links to the Metro Archives, Tennessee State Library and Archives, the Tennessee Encyclopedia, the Davidson Co Cemetery Survey, the Tennessee Portrait Project, and other sites of potential use to the researcher, student, and history enthusiast.
How reliable is the Data?	Continually reviewed and revised when new information comes to light.
How well have the data points been checked?	Confirmed by MHC and NCCA personnel
Are there Legal Restrictions on the Access or Use of the Data?	None beyond those standard for Metro Open Data