# Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County Open Data Metadata



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## What Does this Dataset Describe?

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| **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, 19th 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?

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| **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

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| **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* |
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## Additional Dataset Considerations

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| **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?** | 1. The Nashville City Cemetery Association maintains a website which collects and makes available as much information as possible, related to the individuals interned in the Nashville City Cemetery. The associations website is: ***thenashvillecitycemetery.org*** 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 |