**Slide 1 :**

Point 1- The Cemetery tells an invaluable story of Nashville’s society, culture, architectural styles n many more. Historic Nashville city cemetery wasn’t city’s first public burial ground, nor the second, but it has been the permanent one since 1822.

**Point 2-**

The “Historic” prefix to the Nashville City Cemetery raised my curiosity, that what are the benefits followed with being “Historic”, that too from preservation efforts perspective. And it gave me my story “The Journey of Preservation: Evolving Efforts and Growing Awareness”.

**Slide 3-**

Initial record keeping used to be done manually by an appointed caretaker of city cemetery, called as Sexton who was also responsible for manually entering burial records in books. Maintenance money used to come from sale of plots and other related fees.

Sadly, the records of the earliest burials between 1822 and 1846 were lost during the years of the Civil War along with Vandalization. This loss led to many formations of many association from 1958 until now for preservation and restoration efforts.

**Point 4** – Nashville city cemetery association NCCA formed in 1998 by a group of citizens interested in restoring the Nashville City Cemetery. NCCA and its partners have several programs to raise awareness of the cemetery.

But apart from these I was thinking is there any other way to spread awareness?

**Slide 5:** Nashville and its suburbs are one of the fastest growing areas. With new people coming in from various states and countries. What can be done along with existing awareness programs and events?

Off course the first question is, How can I contribute?

…and There is no perfect solution to this open ended question. But what will be a possible solution or a method which cannot wipe out records with a civil war or loose tech data due to any virus. I found a possible answer in History. (to slide 6)

**Slide 6:** Making future generation part of the city history. The place where founder of Nashville city “James Robertson” and his 27 family members are resting (I found it while counting common names from dataset), along with 22 mayors, various soldiers, known and unknown citizens of every age category.

If we add small portion of city based history in social studies in early education. It will help to develop respect about history in kids from different places along with local kids, and the impact of awareness will remain longer.

1. Introducing City based curriculum in existing Social Study subject in early childhood years.
2. adding historic places of city, it’s significance and program to build respect about it in schools.

(All this Existing information brought me more questions

* **1958 :** Mayor West's restoration effort
* **1972 :** National Register of Historic Places
* **1998 :** Nashville City Cemetery Association
* Restoration planting and Curbing replacement
* Johnson Mausoleum repairs - structural and cosmetic repairs
* Water system improvements)