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President James Polk, a former Tennessee Governor Served as the 11<sup>th</sup> US President from 1845-1849. Notable for starting a conflict with Mexico over western expansion.

His actions set the stage for the Civil War after the southern states began to fear more states in the union would equate to becoming outnumbered in the senate.

He left office in 1849 during the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> global Cholera pandemic. The disease struck Nashville around that time, killing around 600 people over 2 years, Polk being among them. Cholera accounts for a total of ~7% of all deaths buried in NCC. The Third Cholera Pandemic subsided in 1869 after claiming ~800,000 lives worldwide. The more things change the more they stay the same! Explore to Nashville City Cemetery To find out how!



