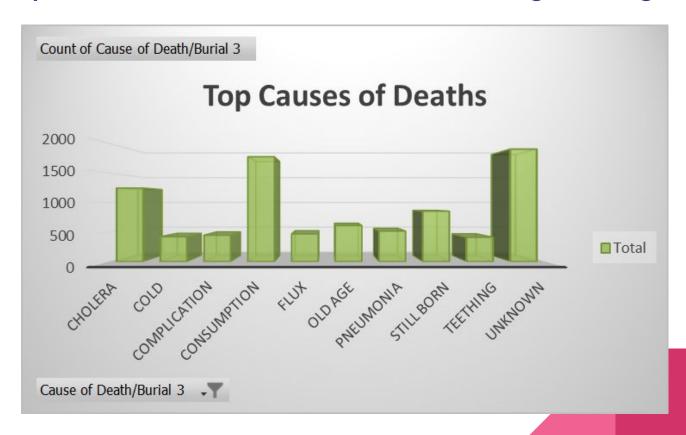


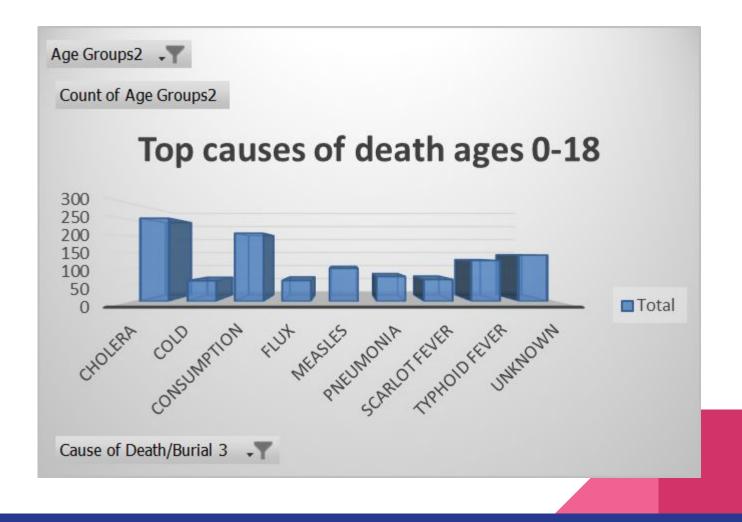
Causes of Death in Each Age Group

Historic Nashville City Cemetery Interments (1846-1979)



Top Causes of Death Across All Age Ranges

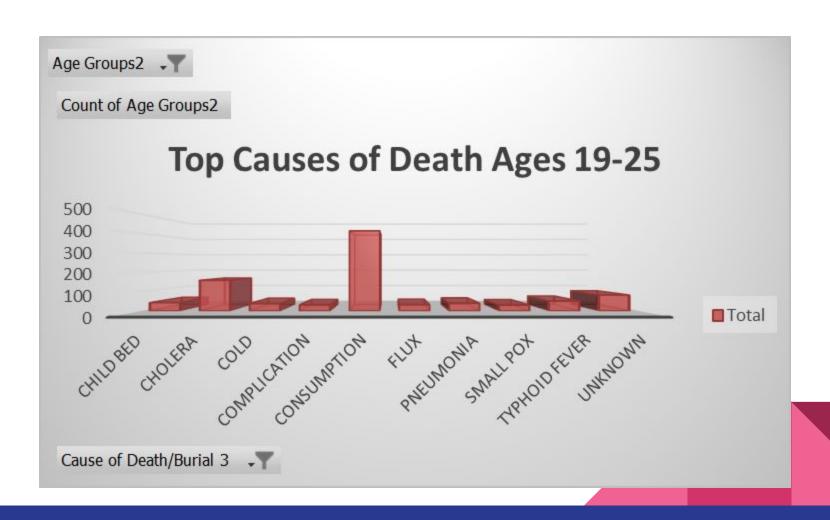




<u>Tuberculosis</u>, also known as consumption, is a disease caused by bacteria that usually attacks the lungs. As the most feared disease in the world, it was known as the "Great White Plague" (due to the extreme paleness of those affected), striking down the young and old, the rich and poor. It seemed no one was safe from tuberculosis.

<u>Dysentery</u>, was also known as "camp fever" or "the bloody flux". Symptoms of the disease include bloody or mucusy diarrhea, stomach cramps, pain, nausea, vomiting, and fever.

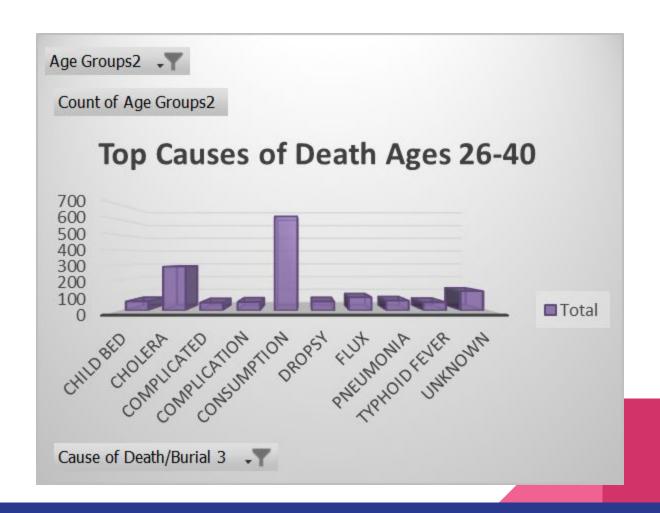




<u>Puerperal fever</u>, often referred to as childbed fever, is a highly infectious disease that can follow childbirth. Before the advent of antiseptic practices—and, later, antibiotics to treat sepsis when it occurred—puerperal fever was almost always fatal.

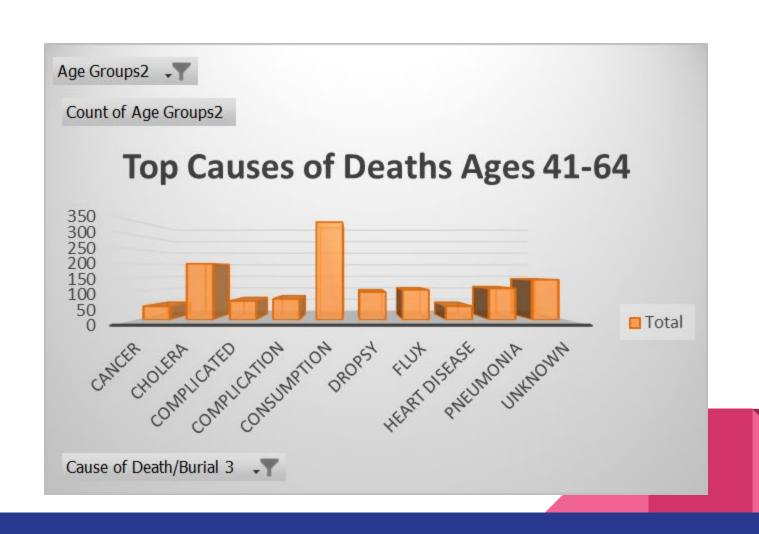


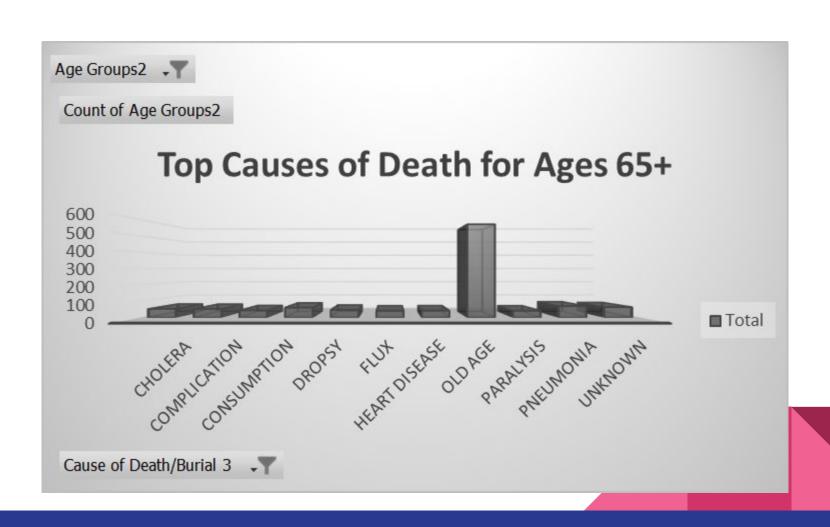




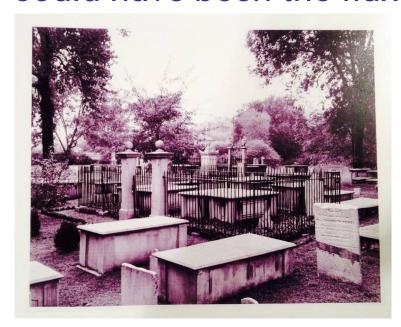


'Dropsy' refers to swelling under the skin, and is generally known today as 'edema'. It is likely that some of those whose cause of death is recorded as dropsy were actually killed by the condition that caused the swelling, rather than the swelling itself. Some conditions which can cause the kind of swelling associated with dropsy are cardiac failure, lung problems and malnutrition.

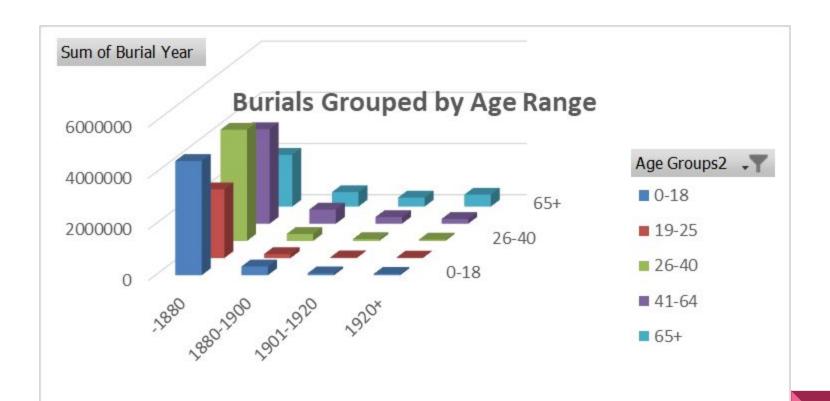




If you were lucky enough to live to 65 years or older, you just died of old age at that point. Be grateful, it could have been the flux.







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