



**ESTES CEMETERY
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT
LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 38
Arlington Webb-Britton Road
(Joe Pool Lake Area)**

When James Estes and his family moved to the area in the mid-1850s, little did he know he would bury his wife Sarah within a short time. She died on April 16, 1857, and was the first to be buried in what is now known as the Estes Cemetery. James set aside one acre of land as a cemetery for his family. A few days after his wife died, his granddaughter, Mary A. Estes died and was buried April 22, 1857. His son Baalis was buried December 28, 1857. Another granddaughter, Texana T. Estes was buried August 23, 1861. James died two and a half years later, on March 23, 1864. He was buried beside his wife.

James and Sarah's son, Silas, took over responsibility for the cemetery. He decided to make it available for friends and neighbors in their hour of need. At this time, there were approximately a dozen families living within a five-mile radius of the cemetery. They were all welcomed to use the cemetery as a resting place for loved ones. As of March 1996, there are fifty known families with over 140 burials at Estes Cemetery. We use the term "known" because many gravestones have been stolen or vandalized, leaving many unmarked graves. Burial in the cemetery is now limited to direct descendants of the original families. In August 1990, a major restoration was begun by the descendants. The cemetery contains more than 150 graves, although many of the markers have not survived. At least two veterans of the Confederate army are buried there: Jacob B. Back (Darnell's Co., 4th Sgt.) and Napoleon B. Perry (Co. A, 15th Texas Cavalry). Some of the pioneer families buried there are: Annen, Emmons, Estes, Fry, Hintze, Hopson, Loyd, and Ragland.

From Lake Ridge Parkway, take England Parkway to North Grand Peninsula Drive and turn north. Turn north again when you reach Arlington Webb Britton Road. Then take the first right on a dirt road to the cemetery.

This is a restricted cemetery for descendants of the original families buried there. It is maintained by the association formed by the descendants:

James Estes Memorial Cemetery, Inc.
P.O. Box 1030.
Mansfield, Texas 75063

For a list of those buried in the cemetery, visit:

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~txtarran/cemetery/estes.htm>