Estes Cemetery was founded around the year 1855, when James Estes donated an acre of land for his family and neighbors to use as their private cemetery. Apparently, the first grave was that of James Estes’ wife, Sarah, who died April 16, 1857. Also, buried there in April 1857, was Mary A. Estes, who apparently was James Estes’ grand daughter.

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.

The cemetery is located on a dead-end road west of Lakeridge Parkway, approximately six miles east of Mansfield on Arlington-Webb-Britton Road (Country Road #2017), near the north finger of Joe Pool Lake.