

# Roberts Cemetery

(AEC No Number)

**Approximate GPS Coordinates:**  
**N35°56.041' W084° 24.038'**



**Location:** This cemetery was on the north bank of Poplar Creek near the big water tower at K-25, on Tract K-1007 obtained from Ed. C. Browder. Mr. Snyder Roberts says there were possibly 15 to 20 graves here, and some had gravestones. Elias Roberts and his wife, and probably their son Phillip, were among those buried here. Apparently there were no traces of this cemetery left when the land was purchased for the Manhattan Project.

**Updated Information:** : Mr. Snyder Roberts book *The Roberts Families of Roane County, Tennessee 1794-1969*, placed this cemetery approximately 75 yards from the north bank of Poplar Creek on Tract K-1007 that was obtained from Ed C. Browder. Mr. Roberts also stated that there were possibly 15 to 20 graves here, and some had gravestones. Elias Roberts (who was the first settler on the present K-25 site), and his wife, and probably their son Phillip, were among those buried here. Based on 1942 pre-Oak Ridge U.S. Army low altitude surveillance photographs of this immediate area there was no evidence of the Roberts cemetery on the landscape. It was probably destroyed under previous ownership.

Years ago fill dirt was deposited over the Roberts cemetery altering the terrain. The iconic K-25 water tower erected in 1958 was North America's largest water tower and served as the primary cemetery reference location by Snyder Roberts. In 2013 this structure was dismantled leaving only the concrete foundations. GPS coordinates taken from the tower foundation is conceivable somewhere within 200 feet of the cemetery. In the future, this site may be sold or leased and developed into an industrial or manufacturing site.

**(Updated information, GPS Coordinates and photo are from Mr. Dennis Eggert.)**