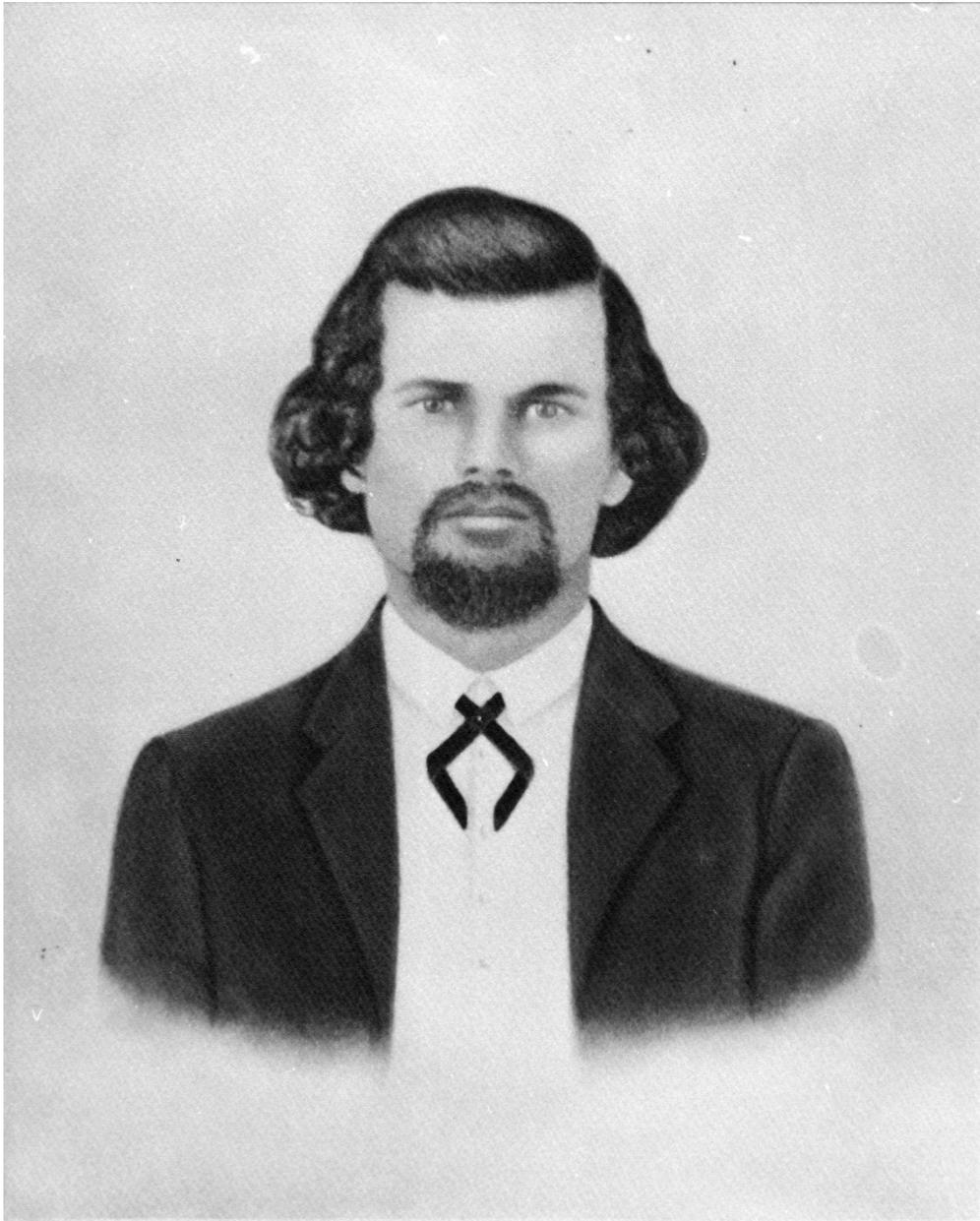


Andrew Ponton  
Lavaca County Judge



On July 13, 1846, an election was held at Clark's Mill to elect the officers for the newly organized county. Andrew Ponton was elected to serve as the first County Judge of Lavaca County.

Ponton was a prominent political leader in Gonzales County prior to becoming the county judge in Lavaca County.

Before arriving in DeWitt's Colony in Texas in 1829, he was born in 1804 in Virginia and in 1819, his family moved to Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri.

Ponton was elected Alcalde of Gonzales in December 1834. He was a main player in the Come and Take It Battle that sparked the Texas Revolution.

In 1841, Andrew married Mary H. Berry in Gonzales. Soon after their marriage, the couple established their home on the upper Lavaca.

Andrew Ponton died on July 4, 1850 in Gonzales, Texas. His widow, Mary, eventually married Dr. Daniel C. Bellows.