

Gabriel Zumwalt
Tax Assessor Collector



Gabriel Zumwalt was one of five men who were appointed commissioners to locate the county seat for the newly formed Lavaca County. On July 13, 1846, an election was held at Clark's Mill to elect the officers for the newly organized county. Gabriel Zumwalt was elected the Tax Assessor Collector.

Zumwalt, a native of St. Charles, Missouri was born there on May 1, 1809. He married Eleanor Ann Dowling in St. Charles on October 2, 1834.

In 1837 the family arrived in Texas and were original residents of Lavaca County.

Zumwalt, as the assessor-collector, tabulated the first tax roll listing 140 tax payers.

Prior to the Civil War, Zumwalt operated a gin and mill on Rocky Creek, which was driven by water power.

Zumwalt remained in Lavaca County until his death on November 28, 1885.