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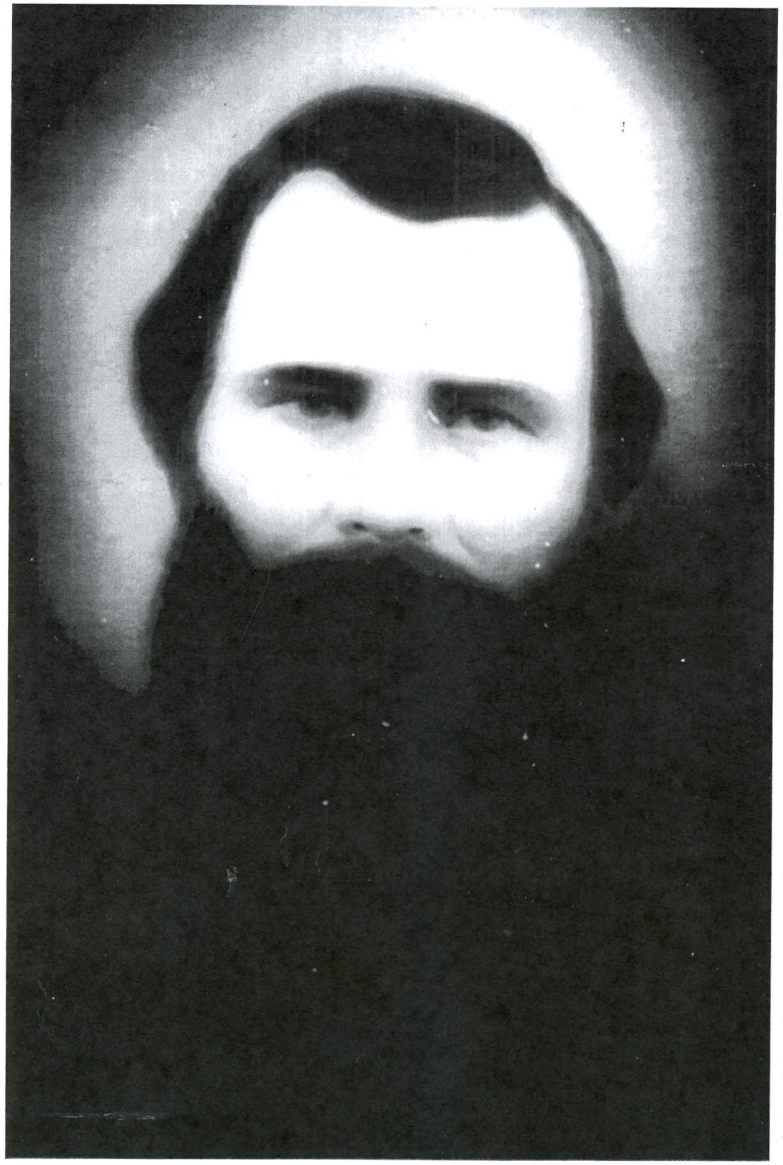
JACOB ZIEGLER, one of Wood County's most prominent settlers, was born July 3, 1825 in Virginia and came to Texas about 1852, first settling at Oak Grove, where the Smyrna Church is now. He was married to a Miss Senter, who died in 1858. They had two daughters, Mary Jane Zielgler, who married a Hampton Bass, and Theodosie, who married John Oliver Carnes. In 1859, he married Elizabeth Ann Harry, and they had six children: Rachel Susan Ziegler Stanley, Elizabeth Ann Ziegler Spencer, Benjamin Franklin Ziegler, Nancy Lou Ziegler Whitley, Margaret Ziegler Ziegler and Josephone Ziegler Seay. A Baptist minister, Rev. Ziegler organized the Symrna Church in 1869, as well as numerous others in this area. He served in the Civil War, joining the Texas Calvary Company 8, 10th Regiment. After the war, he served as Wood County Judge from 1865-1869. Last Saturday, as a part of the Wood County Historical Society and Commission's Recognition Program, Rev. Ziegler's descendants presented his framed portrait (from which this photo was copied) to Wood County Judge Lee Williams to be hung in the courthouse. Many of his descendants, from both marriages, attended the program and reception at the First National Bank in Winnsboro.