



Elder A. F. Dugger Sr. was born near Jonesboro, Indiana December 6, 1844. In 1847 his father moved with the family to Ogle County, Illinois where they lived until 1865 when they moved to Adams County, Iowa. He married Virginia Belle Miller in 1875, and after living for awhile in Missouri, he moved to Clay County, Nebraska in 1883 and remained until 1885 when he moved to Rock County, Nebraska.

Being always religiously inclined he entered the ministry at the age of 15 and at the age of 16 held his first pulpit discussion with a minister of quite a little experience and surprised his relatives and friends by receiving the decision, the minister himself saying, "I was never so much surprised in a boy in my life".

In his early years in the ministry, he emulated the example of the disciples traveling on foot from place to place, preaching the gospel of the coming kingdom. In

this way, he traveled over a great deal of Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois organizing churches and preaching the gospel everywhere. At this time he was identified with the First Day Adventist Church but later he became convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord and upon accepting this doctrine he advocated it for more than 34 years.

After moving to Nebraska he preached quite a little in Kansas, South Dakota and Nebraska and organized the Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota conferences. He edited the "Bible Advocate" at Stanberry, Missouri for nearly three years. He had to give up the editorship in 1907 on account of ill health. He died in December of 1910.