

Aaron B. Grosh:

Aaron B. Grosh worked on a farm in his early youth and was a country school teacher in his early adulthood before becoming a minister. He mainly served rural congregations whereupon he became very interested in all aspects of farm life, including its problems.

After many years, his age and his failing health caused him to resign as minister and seek a less strenuous profession and a milder climate. He then accepted a clerkship in the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC, where the weather was better.

He was a close friend with Wm. Saunders, and through him he became familiar with the other Founders. Drawing upon his experience with the Odd Fellows, he contributed greatly in the writing of the first four degrees.

He wrote *Mentor in the Granges and Homes of Patrons of Husbandry*. This book was a very important instructional book for early Granger members, as it further explained the origin, goals, and structure of the Order, as well as further clarifying the lessons of each degree along with better describing the duties of not only Grange officers, but also all Grange members themselves. He also worked with Caroline Hall to assemble the first songs of the early Grange.

He was the first National Grange Chaplain.