Samuel Harries Daddow (1827-1875) was born in Cornwall, and his parents brought their family to America in about 1830. He married Esther Anne Beadle in 1856. Esther was the sister of Jesse Beadle, another founder of A.I.M.E.

He began work around coal mines about 1840 at the mine his father opened, the Oak Hill Colliery, and he advanced to the charge of the colliery store at D uncott.

Although Daddow’s education was limited to public school, he became a recognized authority in geology and mine engineering and became connected with the Miners’ Journal gathering statistics on coal and mining.