



**Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery**  
Portland, Oregon

## **William H. Barnhart (1827-1909)**

In the 1850s, William H. Barnhart was the owner of a mercantile firm, W.H. Barnhart & Company, located in Portland. He speculated on flour and gold dust prices and worked as an agent for Wells Fargo. Barnhart served as the State Land Agent in Salem and the Indian Agent in Umatilla.

### **Letters to Bush from 1852 to 1860**

In 1852 Barnhart wrote to Bush about the need to bring Samuel Thurston's remains from Acapulco, Mexico back to the Oregon Territory. Barnhart wrote Bush to disagree with the *Oregon Statesman's* perspective regarding accusations that General Palmer was an embezzler. Barnhart wrote Bush about Californians' opinions of the Yakima Indian War in 1856 and made comments on Joseph Lane and Delazon Smith.