



1880-1895

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Richard H. Dearborn (1832-1889)

Richard H. Dearborn, standing between two women in the photograph above, was born in Madison, Indiana. He settled in Roseburg, Oregon in 1853 where he opened a mercantile business. In 1864 he became partner in a Salem business venture, Pardue, Heath, Dearborn & Company. He clerked at the Capitol building in 1878 and was a bookkeeper at the State Penitentiary. Dearborn was postmaster and on the Board of Education and helped improve the public school system. He was a member of the Protection Lodge AOUW.¹

Dearborn died of dropsy (edema) and was interred in the International Order of Odd Fellows section of the Salem Pioneer Cemetery in Salem, Oregon.

Letters to Bush from 1855 to 1859

Dearborn's letters concern the Douglas County convention and candidates James Gazley, Joseph Lane and Orville C. Pratt. Dearborn comments about the *Oregon Statesman* and subscriptions, along with Indian Wars in 1856 with few settlers volunteering to fight. He comments about Deady's opinions regarding African-Americans.

¹ www.salempioneercemetery.org (accessed 6/13/17).