



Nathaniel H. Lane (1823-1878)

Nathaniel H. Lane came to Oregon with his family in 1848 when President James Polk appointed his father, Joseph Lane, Oregon's first Territorial Governor. Lane was a lawyer and the Treasurer for Oregon's Provisional Government from 1855 to 1856. Lane died in Portland of a kidney disorder called Bright's disease.

Letters to Bush from 1856 to 1860

Nathaniel Lane's letters to Bush concern personal finances, investments and land speculation. He also wrote about newspaper subscriptions and politics. In one letter Lane describes the 1855 fire at the Oregon Capitol building as politically beneficial for some, but overall a great public loss. Lane chides Bush about his bad bookkeeping and that he should hire an accountant.