

It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract.

Frank H. Brigham (1849-1936)

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F. H. BRIGHAM is one of the well known and respected citizens of North Bend, Oregon, where he is engaged in the real-estate business and is also city engineer of that place. He was born in Massachusetts, April 9, 1849, and is a son of John W. and Martha E. Brigham. The former was a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Vermont. They celebrated their marriage in the east and in 1865 removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota,



Figure 1. Frank H. Brigham

where the father operated a flour mill for some time and later engaged in the hotel business. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brigham continued to make their home in Minneapolis during the remaining years of their lives. They were the parents of five children, namely: a son who died in infancy; Warren L., who was editor of the Boston Times when he passed away; Ella M., the widow of George W. Marchant, whose demise occurred in 1912; F. H., of this review; and Lura E., the wife of C. M. Doutt of Coos county, Oregon.

F. H. Brigham was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in Massachusetts. In 1869 he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was in the employ of the government as engineer and surveyor, continuing in that position for twelve years. He then removed to

Nebraska, where he was engaged in surveying until 1888, at which time he went to Spokane, Washington, and there for some time followed his profession of surveying. He then took up his abode in Pendleton, Oregon, at which place he was married and continued to reside until 1891, when he removed to Portland and there accepted a position as chief clerk in the United States surveyor general's office. He continued in that position for a period of two years, after which time a change in the political administration of that department of government work necessitated his

discontinuance in the office. Two years later he was appointed inspector of government surveys by the commissioner of the United States land office in Washington and in 1904 he settled at North Bend, Coos County, Oregon, where he has since continued to reside. He built one of the first residences in the southern part of that town and is now the owner of one of the very fine homes in North Bend. He still holds his commission as inspector of United States surveys, is the city engineer of North Bend and is also engaged in the real-estate business. He was for four years employed by the Mexican government in engineering work and while he lived in the east served for two and a half years in the United States navy.

Mr. Brigham was united in marriage, in 1891, to Miss Sadie Adams, of Pendleton, Oregon, daughter of John and Elizabeth Adams, both of whom died at Pendleton. To Mr. and Mrs. Brigham two children have been born. Ruby, whose birth occurred in 1893, is a high-school graduate and still resides under the parental roof. Hawley B., whose natal year was 1894 and who likewise has a high-school education, is now in the service of the City Water Company of Portland.

Mr. Brigham supports the Republican Party and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also of the United Artisans. One of the enterprising citizens of North Bend, he is well known throughout his portion of the state. He is always interested in the moral and civic well-being of the community in which he resides and is a man whose integrity in business matters has never been questioned.

ⁱ Gaston, Joseph: “The Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1912”, Joseph Gaston, Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1912.