

# CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Landmark Number: **103**

Historic Name: **Brigham/Beaman Residence**

Address: **1660 Poli Street**

Designated: **September 21, 2009** (CC Reso 2009.058)

Description:

The residence located at 1660 Poli Street is association with the Oil boom era beginning in 1929. Florence Brigham and her husband, Charles Francis (Frank) Brigham were considered pioneers after Frank Brigham inherited his father's business, the F.P.

Brigham Implement Company. Florence Brigham was a member of a social society and held the position of president of the Ventura County Federation of Women's Clubs. The Brigham family had three children. The oldest son, Alfred Brigham, established a merchant business, the Brigham and Beaman firm with his brother-in-law, Selwyn Beaman.

The Brigham and Beaman firm was established on Main Street for nearly 50 years and was involved in the community and with contributors, advertisers, and sponsors of Ventura High School. Property records indicate that Frank and Florence Brigham resided at the subject property from 1925 until 1929. The Brighams then exchanged homes with their daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Selwyn Beaman in 1929, and they occupied the house until 1934. Helen Brigham was the Society Editor of the Ventura County Star in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Her role in this association represents a vital role for the aspirations of women during this period.



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