

Shaw, Oregon, Friend of Sublimity



Upper left: This street view of Shaw shows Masser's Grocery with two gas pumps, the railroad crossing, and the **old** church. April 8, 1962. *Salem Public Library*.



Upper right: A few months later the **newer** St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shaw was toppled by the Columbus Day Storm of October 12, 1962. Behind it the **old** church stands seemingly undamaged. *Salem Public Library*

Right: The **newest** St. Mary's church in Shaw, Oregon



Shaw rates special mention here, not for its size or closeness to Sublimity, but because in recent years St. Mary's church in Shaw has shared pastors with St. Boniface church in Sublimity. Here is its history from Wikipedia:

Shaw was a station in the Waldo Hills between Macleay and Aumsville on the Oregonian Railway (later the Southern Pacific Railroad and today the Willamette Valley Railway). In 1881 the station was named "Waldo Hills" but the name was changed to "Shaw" in 1891 to match the post office.

Shaw post office was established in 1887 and named for Angus Shaw, the first postmaster. Shaw was from Ontario, Canada and settled in the area 1876. The post office closed in 1937.

In 1915 Shaw had two grain mills, which no longer exist. As of 2005, Shaw had 18 dwellings, a machine shop, a general store building, a warehouse and a church.

The Shaw area was settled by pioneer Daniel Waldo in the 1840s.

Shaw is about 6 mi. SE of Salem near the intersection of Silver Falls Highway and Howell Prairie Road.

Not sure how well the Waldo story fits with Shaw, but: Daniel Waldo was born in 1800 in Harrison

County, Virginia to Jedediah Waldo and Mary Polly Porter. Harrison County would become part of West Virginia during the American Civil War when a portion of Virginia joined the Union as a new state. After turning 19 years of age Waldo migrated to Missouri where he entered the lumber business. Then in 1825 he married Malinda Lunsford and they moved to St. Clair County, Missouri. He descends from a Wiltshire, England family who migrated to Massachusetts in the 17th century.

In 1843, the Waldo family traveled the Oregon Trail to Oregon Country. They traveled with their neighbors the Applegates, including Jesse Applegate. Daniel spent most of the trip in a carriage on the journey due to poor health, but the group reach the Willamette Valley in 1843 and settled east of Salem, Oregon in an area now known as the Waldo Hills. The following year Daniel was elected to serve as a legislator in the Provisional Government.

With the Cayuse War in 1848, Daniel fought against the Native Americans in Eastern Oregon. Earlier he had been a member of the Oregon Rangers volunteer militia. His second oldest son William Waldo would later be president of the Oregon State Senate, and another son, John B. Waldo, would serve on the Oregon Supreme Court.

During the 1860s Daniel was involved with promoting the state's wool industry. Daniel Waldo died in Salem, Oregon on September 10, 1880.

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