

[Shaw, David]

David Shaw was born in 1793, in Massachusetts and moved to Cayuga county when twelve years old. He was reared a farmer and when twenty-two years of age, in 1815, married Sophia Barney, a daughter of Daniel Barney, who lived in Cayuga county. They had seven children, six of whom are now living; one died in infancy. The year 1882 saw him in this town which was then in Portland, and he charred a small tract of land (charring, is deadening the trees preparatory to clearing), when he returned to Cayuga for his family whom he soon after brought back. The log house was built and a home established, clearing continued until enough land was converted into fields to raise food for the family. Mr. Shaw continued to farm until within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1880, when eighty-seven years of age. He was a communicant of the Universalist church and a member of the Republican party, by whom he was elected to the office of assessor, but being of an unassuming and modest disposition he never essayed to higher political honors. Mr. Shaw served in the army during the war of 1812, and drew a pension until his death. Mrs. Shaw, too, belonged to the Universalist church and survived her octogenarian husband less than one year. She died in the spring of 1881, aged eighty-six years.

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