

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

## Amos F. Shaw (1839-1898)

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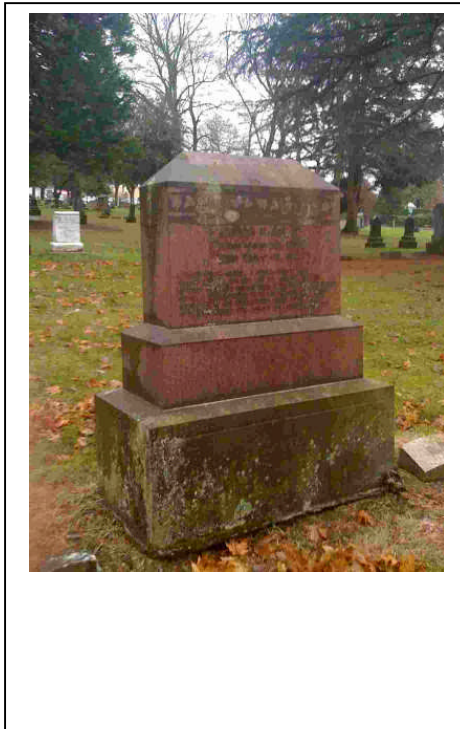
*Amos F. Shaw*

*A native of New Hampshire, Amos F. Shaw was born January 14, 1839. He moved to South Dakota in 1860 and served in the Territorial Legislature there. At the onset of the Civil War, Amos enlisted in the Union Army and served as a Private in Company A of the Dakota Cavalry from June 2, 1862 until June 2, 1865. After returning home to Clay County, South Dakota, he was elected Sheriff.*



*He married Josephine Elizabeth Moulin, a native of Iowa. She was born November 20, 1846. Her mother, Sarah Goudy, was born in September of 1828 in Ohio and her father, Joseph Moulin, was born in France. She had a brother, Thomas Moulin, who lived in Hornick, Iowa.*

*The Shaws, who were both teachers in South Dakota, first came to Clark County in 1881. They settled at Fruit Valley and cleared land for a prune orchard. Later they returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota where Amos was employed as the warden of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. In the early 1890s they returned to Clark County and resumed living at Fruit Valley. During the next few years Amos was Speaker of the House at the State Legislature and was also surveyor general of the State of Washington. The Shaws were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*



*Amos died of heart disease on May 16, 1898. Josephine survived him by almost thirty years, passing away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver on March 11, 1927. Knapp's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. They are both buried in the old City Cemetery in Vancouver, Washington.*

*Children of Amos F. Shaw and Josephine Elizabeth Moulin:*

*1. Agnes A. Shaw: b. 1873, SD, m. Charles Atwood Atkinson (b. 23 Oct 1871, d. 2 Apr 1906, consumption, bur. Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, WA), d. 16 Jun 1963, Hamilton's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, bur. Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, WA*

*Frank "Frankie" Shaw: b. ca 1877, d. age 15 yrs. 26 days., consumption, interred*

*5 Aug 1892, Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, WA*

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