



## Shubrick Norris (?-1898)

Shubrick Norris was a city councilman in Portland in 1851 and 1854. He also served as Multnomah County auditor and clerk. He was on the Portland Board of Police Commissioners in 1853. Norris was in business as a grocer and merchant with Norris & Company, and he had connections other businesses in Portland and San Francisco, such as the Oregon Steam Navigation Company.

Norris moved to San Francisco in the 1880s and eventually went into railroad-related businesses in Los Angeles.<sup>2</sup> He was a charter member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and died in 1898.<sup>3</sup>

### Letters to Bush from 1854 to 1859

Norris encourages Bush to give Thomas Dryer and Know Nothing Party “hell.” He comments that the foreign vote may be secured for Councilmen election if all Democratic papers chip in. Norris informs Bush about Washington County being divided to create Columbia County. In 1855 he writes that no gold has been found in the area and about steamers traveling to Portland and Astoria. Norris writes about concern over increased taxes if Oregon becomes a state in 1856 and requests that Bush see if he can get auditor’s books to project any increases. In 1858 Norris comments about the politics involved with Bush’s candidacy for State Printer.

<sup>1</sup> Shubrick Norris Papers, 1849-1866, Oregon Historic Society, Davies Family Research Library, Portland, OR.

<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv43111> (accessed 8/8/17).

<sup>2</sup> *Railway Review*, volume 33, Oct. 1893, p. 603.

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<sup>3</sup> Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, *The Members’ Annual*, March 1898, p. 66.

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