From the obsolete English given name [[Waltheof]], from \{{der|en|ang|weald||power}\} + \{{m|ang|þēof||thief}\}}. Alternatively, from Estonian (Teutonic)[[Teutonic_Order#Livonia]].

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====Derived terms====

* {{l|en|Waldo County}}

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====See also====

* {{pedia|Waldo}}

* {{pedia|Peter Valdo}}

====Anagrams====

* {{anagrams|en|a=adlow|woald}}