

## Wilke, Jean Baptiste

He was born in 1801 and died in 1886. He came to St. Joseph about 1847, and always claimed to have been the first town officer in what is now Walhalla. His house was the usual stopping place for Indians passing through the town. A fatal affray took place at his home in 1861 between the Sioux and the Chippewas, at which several Indians were killed, among them the brother of the Chippewa chief, Red Bear.