

Joseph Juneau. (1826-1889)

Metis prospector Joseph Juneau was born at Milwaukee in 1826, the son of François Xavier Juneau *dit* Latulippe and Marguerite Thiffault. His cousin Solomon Laurent Juneau, (August 9, 1793 – November 14, 1856) was a fur trader, land speculator and politician who helped found the city of Milwaukee. Joe worked in the mines of Montana before going to the Cassair District of British Columbia in the 1870s. From there he and Richard Harris went to Sitka in 1879. George Piltz engaged them to prospect for him in 1880-81. They found rich ore along the Gastineau Channel near where the city of Juneau (named after Joseph) is now located. In spite of this find, Juneau was penniless again by 1883. Juneau was married to a Tlingit woman, Ka-ye-ka-ha, they had no children. At the time of the Klondike gold rush he went to Dawson, Yukon and died there in 1889 at age 63.



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