

farmers, and stockmen. Most prominent was Henry Chambers, who at one time was Assistant Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. He tells of a man by the name of Darnell who had a mean streak and who lived in the Inola country. Joel ran a barber shop in Inola back around World War I, and one night this Darnell attempted to rob him, and Joel managed to grab the gun and in the ensuing tussle the gun went off and shot Darnell in the foot. Darnell left town and was never seen again.

In the history of the Inola country there has been oil discovered. Toward the river a few oil wells were drilled but the industry did not enjoy very much prosperity. The first oil well was drilled on Jack Ballard's place. For a while Ballard enjoyed some degree of wealth around 1912, but it did not last long. The shallow well came in at 590 feet and produced 1600 barrels a day, but it soon ran out. After that the Indian sold out and moved up in the Claremore country.