JOEL H. NAIL

One of the prosperous stockmen of the Choctaw Nation, was born in 1850, being the son of Jonathan Nail, who came to Doaksville in 1833. Joel went to college at Lebanon, Tennessee, where in 1860 he fell in love with Nettie Merrett, daughter of William Merrett, and married her.

Mr. Nail, after several changes of fortune, finally settled on his present estate in Blue county, in 1882, where he has four hundred acres under cultivation, three thousand head of stock, and three thousand acres of pasture, besides building property in Caddo and the Nails Hotel, of which he is a present the proprietor.

He is also an enthusiastic lover of racing, and has always kept the best race stock in the district.

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