

JOPLIN'S GRITTY PAST

Right: One hundred years ago, Joplin's skies were blackened by coal smoke.

Below right: Most men worked in the area's mines, where they spent long days underground inhaling toxic fumes.

Below: The city became famous in 1933 when two legendary bank robbers known as Bonnie and Clyde hid out in Joplin while running from police.

