The Bona Allen Tannery opened in 1873 and employed many people in Gwinnett County. The tannery made shoes, saddles, horse collars, buggy whips, and other leather goods. It was famous for making saddles for Trigger, the horse belonging to Roy Rogers, a star of Western films in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Today a statue of the cowboy and his horse stands in downtown Buford.

