

## AGARD, Johnny

The most notable visitor in town at this time is Johnny Agard, who has recently returned after a continuous absence of three years. Mr. Agard is a wealthy mine owner and is also the owner of a ranch not far from the city. He is one of the earliest, if not the very earliest pioneer of Arizona; he is also by far the youngest looking. He does not seem to be more than thirty, but when he came into this valley Henry Morgan was an infant in arms and the last of the prehistoric races were picking up their belongings preparatory to getting out of the country. The Salt river, though it was not known by that name then, was flowing several miles north of the present site of Phoenix and the Grand Canyon was not cut much more than half as deep as it is now. There was a great depression in the ground above which the Camel Back now stands. Twenty years ago he was confidential clerk and bookkeeper for Rosenthal & Co. in this city and was also engaged in the cattle business. He then looked as young as ever, but no younger than he-looks today. His friends say that he can never grow old.

His mining properties are in the Harcuvar mountains and they are said by those who have seen them to be very rich. He has been engaged in their development for several years and it is prophesied that within the time of men now living he will be worth the greater part of a million. It is generally agreed that there is not a man in Arizona who is more deserving of that good fortune. Mr. Agard is a monument to the cause of temperance. In all his years on the frontier he never fell into the habit of drinking nor into the more prevalent and wearing one of gambling.

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