JOHNSON, HARRISON W., born in Missouri about 1821; listed.
Territorial Census, April, 1861, 34 District (Tavapai County) age 43,
unmarried, resident in Arizona 5 months, occupation, Miner, property
valued at $300; Patrick Hamilton has recorded what happened to him on
one occasion:

In the early days, deer, antelope and wild turkey were
abundant, and several men made a business of killing game
and selling it to the miners. It is an inexplicable fact
that the Indians rarely molested the hunters, though they
went out alone miles from the settlements, always with
two or three animals, and would be away several days.
However, they got the best of one hunter who used to sup-
ply the miners of Weaver, Rich Hill and Antelope Creek,
with meat in 1864.

Everybody in those days had a nickname, and he was
known as "Hog Johnson." About three miles from Weaver,
one morning, while on a hunt, he saw a band of deer.
Riding his horse to a tree, he crept up to within about
600 yards and killed one. He cut off its head, took out
its entrails and prepared it to load upon the horse and
then went for the animal.

When half-way to where he had left him, he heard a yell,
and looking up on a hill-side saw four Indians, out of
rifle range, going off with his horse; just when he heard
shouting behind him, and turning around he saw four more
Indians, each with a quarter of the deer he had just
killed upon his shoulder. In relating the affair,
Johnson said he sat down upon a rock and watched the
"armed varmints" load the deer on his horse and start off
towards the Hassayampa Creek, and then went home and said
his prayers.

Was on herd when killed by Apache-Mohaves near Arrastra Creek,
in Tavapai County, A. T., June 12, 1865.
"Hog" Johnson

From the '64 files of the Arizona Miner, a paper long since dead, which paper was, for a time, a democratic paper and run by the late John Larkin, founder of the Courier, the following reminiscence is taken:

"Indians rarely tolerated hunters. One of these hunters was known as Hog Johnson. He supplied the miners of Beaver, Rich Hill and Antelope Creek with meat. About three miles from Beaver, one morning, while on a hunt, he saw a band of deer. "Feeling his horse to a tree, he crept to within about 600 yards and killed one. He cut off its head, took out its entrails and prepared to load it upon the horse and then went for the animal. When about half way to where he had left him, he heard a yell and saw four Indians, out of rifle range, on a hillsides, making off with a horse; then he heard shouting behind him and saw four more Indians, each having upon his shoulder a quarter of the deer he had just killed. Johnson sat down on a rock and saw the Indians load his deer upon his horse and vanish in the direction of the Weaver mesa. Some years later the Apache-Indian killed Johnson as he was mining alone, near Antelope Hill."

Journal Miner - loose, undated clipping

The Hog Johnson killing at Antelope creek, above Stanton. Indians ran mules across steep banktown to right of Rincon mine and on to top of hill. Over little peak and up range on left side of Antelope creek.

Hog Johnson was following higher up the creek - saw the Indians with the mules and thought them to be Mexicans, as they all had on Mexican hats captured from a wagon train of Gormer and Wertheim, at late creek, about a month before. They shot and killed Johnson before he could get away.

crude notes in Governor's Mansion, Prescott - Sharlot Hall's writing.