

PIONEERS AND THE PROMISED LAND

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LIVE FOOTAGE: Wagon train reenactment...

Mule-drawn wagons lumbering up a steady
incline... The train comes to a stop.

KAW VALLEY #1151 1:03:22-1:04:30

OR BRAZOS #908 8:17 - 8:22

REVERSE ANGLE: Looking west, wide
panorama... unspoiled vista... The Promised
Land.

KAW VALLEY #1151 1:17:30 OR

BRAZOS #908 11:13:32 (prairie)

#912 1218:13 (rivers)

#908, 8:07:25 (Owl Creek Mtns)

"SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE"

Did you ever hear tell of sweet Betsy from Pike,
Who crossed the wide prairies with her lover Ike,
With two yoke of cattle and one spotted hog,
A tall shanghai rooster and an old yaller dog?

chorus—

Sing-too-ral-li-oo-ral-li-ay,

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One evening quite early they camped on the Platte,
'Twas near by the road on a green shady flat;
Where Betsy, quite tired, lay down to repose,
While with wonder Ike gazed on his Pike County rose.

They swam the wide rivers and crossed the tall peaks,
And camped on the prairie for weeks upon weeks.
Starvation and cholera and hard work and slaughter,
They reached California spite of hell and high water.