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Striking out ahead of the wagon train, Bernard Reid arrived in California's Sierra Nevada in late September 1849. He stopped to pan for gold at Weber's Creek, east of Sacramento.

Live footage of creek: GRush

w/ leaves tilt up to trees - Reel #904 56:18 or  
#905 1:36:48

San Fran?

The rest of the Pioneer Line wouldn't arrive in the gold fields until October. Only a handful would actually make it to San Francisco, the original destination of the journey. When all was said and done, a trip that had been advertised at 55 days took 165 days to complete.

B&W grave - #111, 11:23:50

The Pioneer Line's first trip was also its last. The greed of its promoters had taken a tragic toll. In all, the trip claimed the lives of 22 of the 161 passengers. Many of Reid's fellow travelers were so crippled by scurvy that they couldn't even stand when they arrived at their destination, much less pan for gold.

Group photo - #503 3:22:51