

long ago, from 1847 to 1861, was a part of Utah. The first settlements made in what is now Nevada were by Mormon pioneers from the chain of the valleys that the eastern base of the Sierras—Eschscholtz, Steamboat, Pleasant, Eagle and Carson valleys. The bunch of valleys that was good for stock raising and in the valleys was fertile. The first mining done in Nevada was placer mining in the ravines that were formed from the Constock lode, by the first miners who came from the west and from the American river, California, who had come across the trail to winter in Salt Lake. When, returning in the spring, they found the Sierras too early to cross