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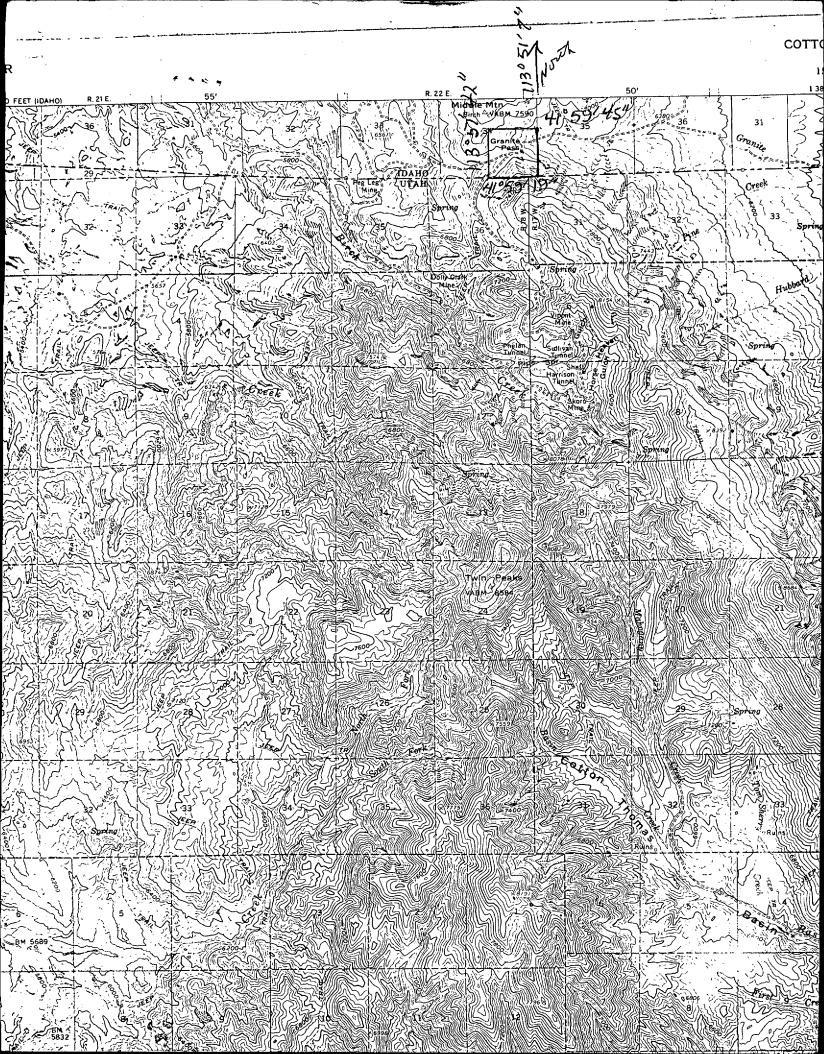
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The Joseph B. Chiles Party on a return trip from California to Missouri more than likely discovered the route through Granite Pass in 1842. Chiles the previous year had been with the Bidwell-Bartleson Party from Missouri to California. The route traveled by them diverged from the Oregon Trail, going south along Bear River just west of Soda Springs. This attempt to blaze a new trail to California led to near disaster for the emigrants northwest of Salt Lake. Chiles profited from the mistake the next year. While guiding another group from California, he cut across from the upper Humboldt to Fort Hall, forsaking the desert wasteland. In 1843 he pioneered a route from Fort Boise into the northern Sacramento Valley, but sent most of his California bound emigrants with Joseph R. Walker directly from Raft River through Granite Pass to the Humboldt. Certainly by that time, Granite Pass came into use as the solution to the difficult problem of how to get from the Oregon Trail west of Fort Hall to the upper Humboldt and on to California. No route to California south of Granite Pass proved acceptable. Even the California traffic that went by Salt Lake after 1848 had to turn north to upper Raft River and seek out Granite Pass even though this way was eightly miles farther and several days longer than the Fort Hall route.

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