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San Bernardino Leaflet.  
January 21<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Pursuant to a call published in the newspapers of San Bernardino, a number of California and San Bernardino County Pioneers met this date at the Court House in San Bernardino for the purpose of effecting an organization of such Pioneers.

George Ford was unanimously elected Chairman, and Sydney P. Waite, Secretary of this meeting.

On motion of Judge Henry M. Willis, each Pioneer present was invited to give his name, age, place of departure, mode of arrival and place of arrival with date of arrival in the State of California, and pursuant to such motion, the following Pioneers being present in person gave their names and facts as follows:-

Record Book A  
of the  
San Bernardino Society for  
California Pioneers  
Beginning January 21st, 1888

Introduction

Nicholas R. Cataldo

In January, 1888, three old pioneers of the 1849 California Gold Rush, George W. Suttentfield, B. B. Harris, and Sydney P. Waite, inserted a notice in the *Chronical* asking all pioneers interested in forming a society to preserve the history of California, especially that of San Bernardino County, to be present at the city's court house on Saturday, January 21. Thirty pioneers joined the San Bernardino Society of California Pioneers that day as charter members and others were added in the years that followed.

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