



PIKE NEWS



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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

The *Pike National Historic Trail Association* annual meeting was held virtually on Saturday April 23, 2022 10am. Thank you Linda and Holly for facilitating the technical aspects for the meeting. Attending were: Harv Hisgen, Linda Balough, Mike Bandera, Erwin Young, Laura Pope, Tom Mertens [newly elected Secretary], Cliff Pike, Holly Nelson [our Webmaster], and Brian Pike [proxy - on a plane]. We recognized Dorothy's passing and recounted all her work for PNHTA.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved with a balance of over \$4000. The Umbrella and Liability Insurance coverages for the Board were renewed. BUDGET 2022-2023 was considered. Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Spencer Pike and Ann Ondraka. Mike with Holly's help will work on - A strategic plan for MARKETING/MERCHANDISING.

WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

a Our social accounts [Facebook & Instagram] are non-functional and are not Monitored. **Volunteers needed for monitoring.**

b ESignatures on the Website and the teams collecting signatures on Support sheets have produced 500+ support signatures for designation.

The President's Report-The Santa Fe Trail Association is giving us a great deal of support for designation.

This we trust will be a year when the Pike National Historic Trail will be moving closer to national designation.

FEASIBILITY STUDY TEAM REPORT- We and the NPS Feasibility Team are awaiting recommendations from the National Park Service.

SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION

Many have signed- If you have not signed on our website or on the Support sheets- It is crucial for our success that you add your support for designation.. How?

Go to: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/designation-support/> and create your e-signature using your mouse. IT IS EASY.

Please support our Effort

QR CODES

Modern technology is amazing. QR codes can be placed on all sorts of our road side panels and signs/kiosks beside Pike monuments and plaques.



The QR code to the left was placed by the Rotary Club in Lamar CO on their new kiosk beside Pike Tower. It allows a person to go directly to our website to acquire additional information.

The Pike QR Code on the right will take the person with a smartphone directly to the Colorado page on our website for a person to explore.

We are currently creating QR codes specific to a particular site and website page so that individuals can learn more about Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

For example, a person will be able to stand on the summit of Pikes Peak and read about Zeb and his attempt to climb this 14,000 foot mountain while listening to the US Navy Band and Chorus sing America the Beautiful. We also provide information about Katharine Lee Bates the composition of America the Beautiful.

PIKE VISIBILITY

One of our missions is to educate the public about Zebulon Montgomery Pike. We are getting help from other organizations in this endeavor.

June 11th 2022-

Rocky Mountain Land Library's Buffalo Peaks Ranch. Visible was their book display for Zebulon Pike. The Rocky Mountain Land Library's mission is to help connect people to nature and the land.

Throughout the summer 2022-

Rocky Mountain Land Library events will include Pike books.

June 19th-

Pikes Peak Historical Society: Linda Balough's presentation for the Pikes Peak Historical Society in Lake George, CO. She will emphasize the designation support page on the website for them to personally help with supporting the designation of the Pike National Historic Trail and all the information and products they can find there.

June 25 and 26-

Bailey Days- CO We were able to gain a lot of support for designation last June 2021 at Bailey Days. This year on June 25 & 26 we received more support collecting 174 signatures on our support sheets. The sheets contain spaces for signatures, printed name, zip code for that individual and reasons why they are supporting.

We will, when the companion bills are introduced to Congress late in the year, send these and the signatures collected on the website to individual Representatives and Senators, showing that there is
A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT.

IN PIKE'S MEMORY

Another memorial for Lt. Pike has been located in Colorado Springs in Monument Valley Park at 38°50'24.64"N 104°49'39.94"W between Monument Creek and I-25 just north of the intersection of I-25 and Bijou Street.



Tahoma, Pike's friend and a Dakota Sioux chief (c. 1860) wearing his trade-mark stovepipe hat with his medal conferred on him by William Clark.



C. S. HISTORY MAKERS ON BRONZE MEDALLIONS
Colorado Springs Sunday Gazette & Telegraph 3/8/1927

In 1926, the local Parks Board commissioned the building of the Tahama Spring Pavilion to commemorate the early pioneers Lieutenant Pike, Chief Tahama, and Gen. William J. Palmer [Co. Spr. founder]. Bronze medallion portraits were placed in the pavilion of them.

Tahama Spring, named by General William Jackson Palmer, honors Chief Tahama, famed friend and Indian scout of Zebulon Montgomery Pike. "Tahama Spring" was inscribed on decorative limestone-carved cartouches above each entrance.

In 1870, General Palmer piped mineral water from Tahama Spring to the [Denver & Rio Grande Railroad](#) depot.

Lately the Historic Preservation Alliance of Colorado Springs is considering restoration and are taking a lead role for the city with the CS Pioneer Museum and nonprofit partners like [tahamaspring.org](#).

Tahama Spring pavilion designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style by architect Elmer E. Nieman.

TAMAHA AND PIKE

Pike and Tamaha met on Monday- September 23d, 1805 at the mouth of the Minnesota River and the Mississippi when Pike was about to hold council with the Dakota Sioux for the purchase of land for future American forts- the "Pike Purchase". [now Minneapolis / St.Paul]

Pike referred to this Dakota Sioux man as "my friend" and "Le Original Leve," (L'Original Levé or "Standing [Rising] Moose). The two were about the same age, peers/comrades and likely shared laughter and stories during their time together. Each was regarded as a leader and a warrior. They continued their rapport for many years and served together in the War of 1812. Pike believed Tamaha was a "war chief" and they remained life-long friends.

On meeting this day, Pike thoroughly convinced Tamaha to be loyal to America **for life**.

"PIKE PURCHASE"

Purchase date- Monday 23d September, 1805 @ the head of Pike Island, [today's St. Paul, MN 44.892673, -93.175706]
 "Prepared for the Council, which commenced about 12 o'clock. I had a bowery or shade built of my sails on the beach, into which only one gentleman (ye Traders) and the Chief's entered. I addressed them in a speech which though long, and touching on many points, yet the principal ones were the granting of the land at this place, Falls of St. Anthony & St. Croix; and the making peace with the Chippeway's. I was replied to by *Le Fils de Penichon*, *Le Petit Corbeau*, and *L'Original levé*. They gave me the land required, about 100,000 acres (equal to 200,000 dollars) and promised me a safe passport for myself and any Chiefs I might bring down; but spoke doubtfully relative to the peace. I gave them presents to the amount of about 200 dollars, and as soon as the counsel was over, ... The Chiefs in the counsel were
 Le Petit Corbeau——signed the Grant. Le Fils de Penichon ——signed the Grant.

Le Grand Partisan

Le Original levé [Tamaha]——War chief——gave from my father's Tomahawk &c &c.

Le Demi Douzen

Le Beccasse

Le Boeuf qui Marche March

It was somewhat difficult to get them to sign the grant, as they conceived the word of honor should be taken for the grant, without any mark; but I convinced them, that, not on their account but my own I wanted them to sign." - *Pike Journal*

The Sioux agreed to the land cession treaty, including Little Crow I [Le Petit Corbeau] and Penichon. They agreed to cede approximately 100,000 acres of land where the United States Department of War would later build Fort Snelling.

The second objective of the council was to convince the Dakota to make peace with the Ojibwe (Chippewa). The chiefs agreed and promised safe passage for the Ojibwe.

In his letter to General James Wilkinson dated September 23, Pike noted that "Elan Levie" had pledged the Sioux of six villages would be loyal to the United States:

"A chief by the name of Elan Levie [Tamaha], then told me to look round on those young warriors on the beach; that not only they, but those of six villages more, were at our command." - Pike Journal

PIKE'S FLAG

Tuesday, September 24th am @ the head of Pike Island, [today's St. Paul, MN 44.892673, -93.175706] Pike communicated his feelings to Tamaha:

"In the morning I discovered my flag to be gone off my boat—uncertain whether it had been stolen by the Indians, or fell overboard and floated away. I sent for my friend the Le Original levé [Tamaha], and sufficiently evinced to him, by the vehemency of my action, ... and sent down the shore 3 miles to search for it. I was much displeased that such a thing should have occurred." - Pike Journal

On Wednesday- "Le Petit Corbeau, (Head Chief) who came up from his village to see ... if any accident had happened to us—they had found my Flag floating three miles below their village: (15 miles hence)" - Pike Journal

TAMAHA (DAKOTA SCOUT) (1776-1864)

Early years

Tamaha was born at Prairie à l'Aile (present-day Winona, Minnesota). He was strong, a first-rate runner and heroic. At seventeen years old, Tamaha had an accident that resulted in the loss of an eye. The injury was devastating to him. He then "sought glory and defied danger with even more than the ordinary Indian recklessness."¹ He was thrown off his pony and attacked by a bull when hunting buffalo. He quickly straddled the buffalo on its neck and held it by the horns, earning him the name "Held-the-Bull-by-the-Horns".¹

Later years

Tamaha later chose to be called by a Dakota nickname, "Tamahay," which means "pike," a fish. Tamaha was amused by the pun, but he was equally honored to share the name of his American friend.

Tamaha wore his trademark stovepipe hat with the "small-sized medal" bestowed on him by General William Clark for his American loyalty.

War of 1812

Tamaha was one of two Mdewakanton Dakota scouts for the United States in the War of 1812, when most Sioux sided with the British. He was a member of Chief Red Wing's band and was presented with a medal and certificate by Governor William Clark for his loyalty to the U.S. The certificate was treasured by Tamaha, who called himself "the 'only' American Sioux," and it can now be seen at the Minnesota History Center. He retained his loyalty even after his capture by the British, during which he refused to divulge information about the Americans on pain of death.

Opposition to Dakota War of 1862

Wearing his trademark stovepipe hat, he was a vocal advocate of amicable relations between whites (particularly Americans) and Indians. Before the Dakota War of 1862, Tamaha stood before Little Crow and advised him not to go to war against the whites.

Death and Legacy

Tamaha died in 1864 at Fort Pierre S.D.

Pike's reference to Tamaha as "my friend" has cemented Tamaha's legendary status and resulted in Tamaha Spring in Colorado Springs being named after him.

¹Eastman, Charles (1918). *Indian Heroes and Great Chieftains*. Dover: Dover Publications, Inc., republication in 1997, originally published by Little, Brown and Company, Boston. pp. 56–67. ISBN 0-486-29608-3.

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Our **Vision** is **TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PIKE AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization

Our website is www.zebulonpike.org

“Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country.” -Thomas Jefferson

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