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“THIS IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT-
The Feasibility Study,” quote from Aaron Mahr



PRESS RELEASE – Pike National Historic Trail Association

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Initial Meeting With National Park Service Defines Work Needed For Designation of Pike National Historic Trail

September 19, 2019, Walsenburg, Colorado – Members of Pike National Historic Trail Association met with Superintendent Aaron Mahr of the National Trail Intermountain Region of the National Park Service to outline the steps in developing a feasibility study of inclusion of the 1806 expedition of Lt. Zebulon Pike through the southwest portion of the Louisiana Purchase to be included in the National Historic Trail System. National Historic Trails recognize original trails or route of travel of national historic significance, including past routes of exploration, migration and military action.

The feasibility study, which will be completed by the National Park Service, was authorized this year by Congress and signed by President Trump. It is expected to take two to three years to complete. Criteria for designation of the trail include:

- 1) Pinpointing the historical route and whether the physical trail or portions can be accessed and interpreted for the public.
- 2) Establishing the national historical significance of the route.
- 3) Determining strong public interest in the historical, educational, recreational opportunities associated with the trail.

The Pike National Historic Trail Association, which has been working toward eventual designation of Pike’s historic route of 1806-07, will assist the National Park Service by providing details of its many years of research including documentation of maps and data, as well as outreach to the communities through which the Pike expedition passed.

During the process of the feasibility study, the NPS will be conducting public scoping meetings in each of the seven states through which Lt. Pike’s explorers passed. Local interest is very important to the success of these scoping meetings and will help guide where such meetings should take place. Individuals, groups or communities may contact either the NPS or the Pike Association for more information about the meetings or to share any information they may have about their community’s interest or contribution to the knowledge of the route. In the meeting, Mahr stressed that the NPS will not be acquiring property, but will work with the association and the local community to help promote the interpretive, educational, and recreational opportunities available along the national trail. “The NPS is looking for ways to offer the public ‘authentic experiences’. We want ways people can feel what it was like for Pike and his men when they made their journey,” Mahr told association members at the meeting.

The Association has a number of members within the seven states along the Pike 1806 route, including Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana and can serve as a resource for teachers, historians and other interested parties. The Association’s website of www.zebulonpike.org features copies of Pike’s original maps, narratives from Pike’s journal, educational information and detailed illustrations of the expedition’s experiences along the way. It is also in the process of identifying existing plaques,

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(Feasibility Press Release continued) exhibits, interpretive locations, and statues associated with the trail, and encourages people to contact the association with any information they might have.

“When the feasibility study is presented to Congress we want them to know just how widespread the interest is in what Lt. Zebulon Pike did for this country and how important this mission was to expanding the nation,” said Association President Harvey Hisgen. —————

NOTE- Our inventory of Pike Monuments now numbers 115. Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana are notably missing. Please help us identify (if possible with gps reading), and picture of existing non-inventoried locations.

Authorizing Bill: S.47 - John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act 116th Congress (2019-2020)
02/12/2019 Senate Passed Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 8 02/26/2019-6:42pm House Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 363 - 62 03/06/2019 Presented to President
Subtitle F—National Trails And Related Matters

SEC. 2504. PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY.

Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act ([16 U.S.C. 1244\(c\)](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(46) PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—The Pike National Historic Trail, a series of routes extending approximately 3,664 miles, which follows the route taken by Lt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike during the 1806–1807 Pike expedition that began in Fort Bellefontaine, Missouri, extended through portions of the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas, and ended in Natchitoches, Louisiana.”. Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/47/text>

TRIP THAT THE BRIAN PIKES HAVE BEEN LONGING FOR

Brian and Stacey Pike spent 5 days (Aug 9-13) visiting Toronto and Sackets Harbor, NY. The Great, Great, Great, Grand Nephew of General Pike, Brian said that the trip, “Exceeded our expectations. The personal tours by Connie Barone (at Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site) and Kevin Hebib (at Fort York, Toronto) were not only informative but personally enriching for both of us.”

On 9/8 they flew to Syracuse, drove up to Sackets Harbor, visited with Connie Barone, and stayed a couple nights in Madison Barracks. They then drove up to Toronto on the north side of Lake Ontario and visited Fort York. They stayed in Toronto two nights and flew home from Buffalo. Stacey commented, “it was wonderful relaxing trip for us where we saw and experienced many of the areas where Pike was involved.”

Brian’s report to you... I think we were received royally and shown pretty much everything by the folks in Toronto and in Sackets Harbor because of our relationship with **their** hero Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

Our recent trip to visit the historic location of General Pike’s successful attack of Fort York in Toronto (1813) and his final resting place in final resting place in Sackets Harbor, NY was very satisfying.



Kevin Habib, Program Development Officer at Fort York Historic Site and Brian Pike stand just yards from where General Pike was killed..

I must say, of all the historic sites I have had the pleasure to visit, Fort York is one of the finest. The restored fort, surrounded by downtown Toronto, has been masterfully preserved and restored. It is a registered archaeological site, and home to Canada’s largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings with a fantastic collection of artifacts from the Fort’s history. There are several items relating to Pike.

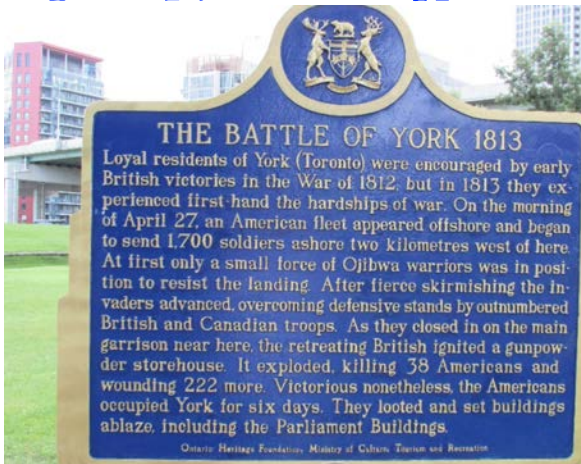
I learned, just prior to being killed the General had just aided a wounded man and sat down on a stump to examine a captured British sergeant. The retreating British blew up their powder magazine sending shrapnel and debris that killed many American soldiers including Pike, according to Lieutenant Donald Frasier, 15th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army. The explosion was so large it was seen and felt in Niagara Falls.

Sackets Harbor is also a wonderful historical site and village. By 1813 the village became the US Naval Headquarters building eleven warships to establish control over the Great Lakes at the Navy Point shipyard. The village was the site of two battles during the War of 1812. In the first battle in 1812, the brig USS Oneida and shore batteries repulsed an attacking force of five British ships. In the Second Battle of Sackets Harbor in May 1813, British forces landed and attacked the village, but they were again driven off.

After being killed in battle leading an attack from Sackets Harbor to Fort York, General Pike’s body was returned to Sackets Harbor and buried with military honors at Ft. Tompkins. A namesake warship,



Brian Pike and Connie Barone at the entrance to Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site Credit- Stacey Pike 9/2019



USS General Pike, was built and launched at Sackets Harbor before the end of that year. After the war his remains were interred to the newly constructed Madison Barracks across the harbor, and in 1909 once again moved as the Army relocated the Sackets Harbor Military Cemetery to its present location. A mortar anchored to a stone block memorial sits on General Pike's final resting spot.



General Zebulon Montgomery Pike's Grave Marker (recently restored)

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EXPLORING THE LOUISIANA TERRITORY by Allan Vainley

A study of this Wikipedia map of the United States is informative.

(Enhanced for readability.)

The notations include:

A Territory of the Original Thirteen States (Ceded by Great Britain 1783)

B Louisiana Purchase 1803 (Ceded by France)

C Ceded to Great Britain 1818 (Canada south central border)

D British Cession 1818 (US northern border)

E East Florida (Spanish Cession) 1819

F West Florida (Spanish Cession) 1819

G Spanish Cession 1819 (SW Louisiana)

I Annexation of Texas 1845 (former Republic of Texas)

K Mexican Cession 1848 (SW United States)

M Alaska Purchase 1867 (from Russia)

O Hawaii Association 1898 (former Republic of Hawaii)



H Spanish Cession 1819 (2 portions in western Colorado)

J Oregon Territory 1846 (Treaty with Great Britain)

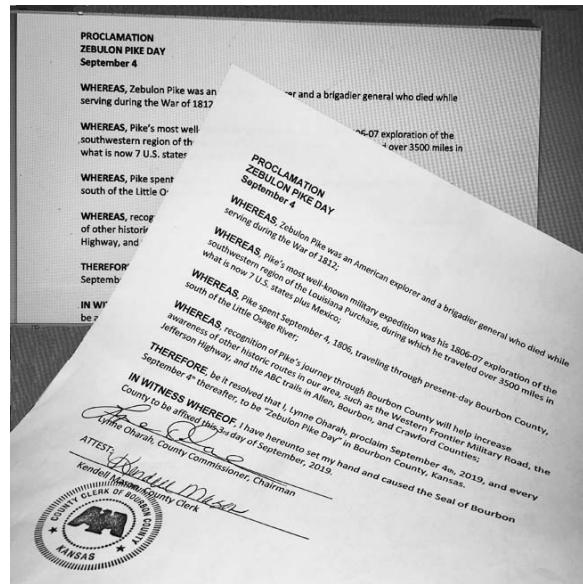
L Gadsden Purchase 1853 (from Mexico)

N Puerto Rico 1898 (Ceded by Spain)

P Virgin Islands 1917 (from Denmark)

NEWS SHORTS

- Kansas Kate- New Pike member Kate Emmett-Sweetser, geographer and historian from Fort Scott, KS visited the Bourbon County [KS] Commissioner's meeting on 9/3 with a resolution to establish **Zebulon Pike Day** on September 4th annually. The Commission unanimously passed the resolution. The eastern KS counties of Anderson, Allen,, Linn and Bourbon are aware of the visit of Pike between 9/3 and 8/ 1806 in their counties. The new name for their ABC Trails group will be- Prairie Pathway.



We appreciate our new members from Emporia, Wichita and Fort Scott, and the efforts they are making to make Pike known in eastern Kansas.

- Pike presentation- Brian and Cliff Pike presented a Pike history on October 2 to folks at the Sterling Ranch in Littleton, CO. See more on Facebook.

-Harv gave a Pike Presentation to the Anza Society Convention [Juan Baptiste de Anza] in Colorado Springs on September 14th and was a member of a Trail Panel. What was significant for the Pike Association were the responses from New Spanish historians [New Mexico and San Luis Valley, Colorado] and ancestors of the Spanish living for centuries in that area. "Pike was welcomed and well received in 1807. He was viewed as a hero because the people were being ignored by the Spanish government in this their northern outpost. The Spanish people hoped for an invasion by the Americans." One historian told him that they wished to be cared for better by the Spanish which led to the Mexico seeking independence.

- Rick Manzanares who helped us with our County Commissioner effort to designate the Pike Trail in Colorado (in the San Luis Valley, CO) has died of liver cancer. His funeral was celebrated in San Luis, CO on May 18. At one time he had served as director at Fort Garland. He will be missed.

- Debra Malone <debramalone35@gmail.com> is looking for someone that might be interested in helping her with the Corridor Management plan for the Highway of Legends. Please contact her.

TWO NEW ED FRENCH PAINTINGS IN THE WORKS by Ed French

I am currently working on two new paintings. The first is the Pike presentation of bear cubs to President Jefferson set in front of the original White House. The second is Pike and his men leaving Fort (Cantonment) BelleFontaine on his second expedition. This is significant because he left and returned there on both expeditions.

*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

NOW THAT WE ARE MOVING TOWARD POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF THE PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

**Have you joined our Association?
Have you renewed your membership?
Have you donated to our effort?**

Two people have joined as Life members and three joined in September.

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

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