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DO YOU KNOW WHO WALKED THIS TRAIL

By Sylvia V. Murray

We were hiking down in Westcliffe, on this mountain high
We were so pretty way up here that it made me want to cry
My Dad stopped and looked at me, he was about to tell his tale
Said "Son we're up here on sacred ground, do you know who walked this trail,
do you know who walked this trail?"

Son I have been a reading, about this special place
In 18 hundred and seven, Pike and his men climbed that face
they carried packs weighing 70 pounds, at night it was 18 below
Two men's feet froze solid, but Pike he had to go, Pike knew he had to go

They left those men with pistols and yes with some deer meat
They headed out for some help, but for 4 days they did not eat
They were so weak and tired, then they shot a buffalo
Pike and his men headed back, with 4 to 5 feet of snow, better find a new way to go

Dad told me the rest of the story, about how those 2 men were brought down
I knew I have a brand new look, and why he called it sacred ground
My son and I'll will walk this path, I'll tell him what those men did entail
I'll ask him the same question, "Do you know who walked this trail, Do you know who walked this trail."
Do you know who walked this trail?

THIS SONG WILL BE PREMIERED BY SONS AND BROTHERS AT THIS YEAR'S BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL IN WESTCLIFFE,
CO. JUNE 7 THROUGH 12.

THANK YOU SYLVIA FOR PROVIDING THIS- OUR FIRST OFFICIAL PIKE SONG AND MELODY.

PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 5



Thomas Daugherty BOTH expeditions. Frequently listed as Dougherty. Height 5 foot, 10 inches, gray eyes, brown hair, light complexion, laborer and Farmer, b. Pittsburgh, enlisted December 30, 1803, transfer from Daniel to Russell Bissell, June 30, 1806. Reenlisted May 1, 1808 at Fort Wayne (at age 27), discharge April 31, 1813. Reenlisted December 30, 1813, and discharge December 31, 1818.

With John Sparks, he was left on 1/22 at Horn Creek- Westcliffe, CO Wet Mtn. Valley because of frostbite [later rescued after 2/26]. He sent back toes to Pike on 2/17/1807.



William Gordon BOTH expeditions

MORE NEXT MONTH

PIKE IN THE PRESS AND MEDIA-

WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE 28 Apr. 2016 Article 2 “... In Passing ...”

... Further north is Mosca Pass (Mosca means “fly”), so dubbed because of thick clouds of deer flies and mosquitoes that plagued its lower regions. Then, too, tradition tells that sometime during the mid 1500s, a Spanish commander, Lus de Moscosco led a band of conquistadors across the Sangres in the pass was named to honor him. Regardless of the name’s origin, it is factual that people in early times often journeyed through this pass. At one time, remnants of a trail/road, was visible—perhaps it still is.

North of Mosca Pass is Medano Pass. It can be traversed by four-wheel drive vehicle, over the mountains and down the western slope, ending in the Great Sand Dunes where deep, shifting sand makes permanent roadways impossible. This spectacular pass derives its name from the Spanish word “medano” or “sandy.” However, the people who have lived in this area since the earliest times, as well as their descendants, don't think of it, or pronounce it, as a Spanish word. It has been and is, locally known as “Medn-nah” (pronounced MAD'-n-nah). I've never seen a spelling, but always accepted, through legends and wisdom of old-timers, that this is a Ute word, have the opening through the mountains was named by Native Americans long before Europeans arrived. While there's no proof of the validity of this claim, I choose to believe it. Medano Pass, a.k.a. The Medn-nah, is believed, by most historians, to be the route that Zebulon Pike and his party took during the historic, tragic, unbelievably difficult winter crossing.

Nature has provided two kinds of natural highways—rivers and mountain passes—that have enabled mankind to discover, explore and settle “wilderness” lands. “Our” Sangres are short on rivers—but long on beautiful, rugged mountain passes—and that's worth mentioning... in passing.

KRLN/KSTY LIVE INTERVIEW - On 27 Apr 2016 your President was invited on Kari's Morning Show to give a 25 min. interview with Kari A. Jacobs - News Director KRLN/KSTY covering many topics about Pike.

THE HUNT FOR ZEBULON PIKE BY STU PIKE**A Historical Mystery**

General Zebulon Pike is the legendary explorer after whom Pike's Peak in Colorado was named (as well as Pike Counties in numerous states). Zebulon is a much-celebrated individual and historical figure who every child learns about when studying American history. His death was not terribly glorious: he died during the War of 1812, after being wounded while attacking York [now Toronto, Canada]. Upon his death and burial, the mystery begins.

By various accounts Zebulon's remains were brought to Sackets Harbor in Jefferson County, NY and buried there. He is believed to have been re-interred at least two more times since then. This most recent burial was in 1909, and the speculation is that laborers probably didn't keep all that good of records. Consequently, just where Zebulon now lies is something that is apparently not known with certainty and history buffs have debated the issue for years. In 2003 the Army tried to confirm his place of rest, and they believe they have identified his likely grave, and yet a cloud of uncertainty still exists. Just where is Zebulon buried?

Science combines with a hobby

Segue then on to genealogy or the tracking of your family ancestors which some people say is the second largest hobby second only to gardening. For thousands of years amateurs have been using paper trails, snips of record, relative's accounts and photos to track and document their family histories. A major leap in this process occurred in early 2000 when the frontiers of biological science introduced the concept that DNA could be used to discern just who was, or was not, an ancestor of yours. Essentially, along with the family paternal surname, markers in the male Y chromosome are passed down, little changed, from ancestors to descendants... Great-grandfather to grandfather to father to son. Over the years, slight mutations in these markers have allowed people to differentiate separate clans within a surname. This passing down of slowly changing markers in the paternal line has allowed people to track ancestors back to the 1300. PBS /Frontline's *Jefferson's Blood* highlighted the ability of DNA to identify ancestors with the case of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings.

This new genetic tool soon became available to lay people and a PIKE DNA SURNAME project was formed by **David Pike**. Soon amateur genealogist throughout the world were using a \$120 dollar, mail order, test kits much like in the CSI shows, and scraping the inside of their cheeks with a Q tip, then returning the kits to a lab for DNA

analysis. The family historians observed that approximately 25% of the Pikes in the US were part of a single, large clan and that Zebulon was a member of that group. It is known that Zebulon did not have any sons who lived beyond childhood, and so his Y-DNA has not survived among his direct descendants. However, each of his distant cousins living today would have an identical DNA to his, with minor variations for the mutations. As the tested DNA data base of people grew with known paper trails back to Zebulon, it became possible to extrapolate their DNA markers back in time and with a great deal of certainty, guess at his DNA.

In April of 2009, while researching his own family tree, the film's producer Stu Pike, (who ironically is not related to Zebulon), stumbled upon an old newspaper article describing the misadventures of Zebulon's grave, and that it was still not conclusively identified. He casually emailed the article off as an item of interest, to his friend and fellow genealogist, David Pike, the founder of PIKE DNA Project, and to Roy Pike, a retired minister and President of the PIKE Family Association. David is also not related to Zebulon but Roy is a distant cousin as documented by a solid paper trail. So Stu and David Pike would have different DNA markers than Zeb's... but as a cousin, Roy's would be virtually identical to Zebulon's!

David in a flash of brilliance, noted that he was in touch with scientists at the US Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab, and that newfangled, advanced DNA techniques, too sophisticated for amateurs, could be used to extract Y- DNA (or a similar mtDNA) from bones depending upon the condition of the grave. In fact that's the method Army scientists use to identify remains of soldiers from Vietnam and other wars.

David drafted a letter to the Army inviting them to use their high power techniques, combined with the amateur genealogist DNA results to conclusively identify Zebulon Pike's grave. *The Hunt for Zebulon Pike* film tells this story. Did they succeed?

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Footnotes:

See PIKE descendants and Zebulon's place (blue square, Group 1) at the Pike DNA site

http://www.math.mun.ca/~dapike/family_history/pike/DNA/index.php?content=results.html

See an article about the Army's hunt for his grave.

http://www.drum.army.mil/sites/postnews/blizzard/blizzard_archives/news.asp?id=9&issuedate=10-9-2003

Hear NPR about the Army's hunt for his grave.

<http://northcountrypublicradio.com/news/story/3694/zebulon-pike-grave-may-be-in-sackets-harbor>

PBS/Frontline's Jefferson story

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/jefferson/>

See a book about the War of 1812, Zeb and his grave

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wcarr1/Lossing2/Chap28.html#e020a>

DNA resources

<http://www.familytreedna.com/books-and-videos.aspx>

David Pike, PhD Mathematics, Auburn Univ. is Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. Founder of the PIKE DNA Surname project, he currently serves as an adviser to the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, and since 2007 he has been an associate editor of the Journal of Genetic Genealogy, in which he previously published a study of mtDNA Haplogroup T and identified a previously undocumented subgroup.

Stu Pike is an award winning Special Effects Director and VP of the PIKE Family Association. He is in pre-production for a PBS style documentary on Zebulon Pike. The film will be historical/ educational and non-profit. It will also more historical emphasis on his death in New York.

OLD SPANISH TRAIL SUPPORT OF OUR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of La Vereda del Norte chapter of the Old Spanish Trail Association "voted unanimously today to support your efforts pertaining to the Pike National Historic Trail."

14 April 2016 Ken Frye

LA VEREDA DEL NORTE (THE PATH OF THE NORTH), THE TRAIL THROUGH TIME BY KEN FRYE

As President of the La Vereda del Norte Chapter along the North Branch, I have a vested interest in the area and have a diverse background in archaeology and history. I spent 20 years with the US Forest Service, Rio Grande National Forest as an archeological technician. I was fortunate to have walked and surveyed many sections of the



Trail on public lands in the this high, alpine Valley. The San Luis Valley is very rich in archaeology, with many fascinating prehistoric and historic sites located throughout the entire Valley and surrounding mountains.

In the San Luis Valley on the Old Spanish Trail is an ancient petroglyph that may be over 3,000 years old. It is thought to be a depiction of a Whooping Crane or Sandhill Crane. Many thousands of Sandhill Cranes migrate through the San Luis Valley each year in the spring and fall.

Also, there are carvings of Spanish settlers from the 1850's. A local artist name Mettje Swift carved the incredible landform sculpture out of local volcanic tuff to bring interest to the Old Spanish Trail and to deter vandalism to area rock art sites. She said it is better if they vandalize the landform sculpture than ancient rock art, which is irreplaceable.

The drainage of Saguache Creek was a route of the Old Spanish Trail from Saguache to the Cochetopa Hills. It is believed that the Trail went to the west, where Saguache Creek bends to the south and west and continues over to the west end of existing Cochetopa [38.164410, -106.598298] or North Pass [38.216465, -106.574214]. This is a very ancient trail that was used by Native Americans as far back as 12,000 years ago. We know this, since we found Clovis and Folsom points in the corridor during surveys of public lands. The word "Cochetopa" is a Ute word meaning Buffalo Pass or Buffalo Gate. The Utes followed the route hunting buffalo and other animals hundreds of years ago. Many Utes camp sites are scattered throughout the Cochetopa Hills.

The rock art is several thousand years old at some sites, but some historic glyphs may have been carved into the stone at the time of the Old Spanish Trail, possibly in the 1830's, near the town of San Luis. San Luis in the oldest incorporated town in Colorado, dating to around 1850. We believe the OST went right through where the present town is located. It is the east fork of the north branch.

Ken Frye spent 20 years working as an Archaeological Technician with the US Forest Service in the Rio Grande National Forest and is a fourth generation native of the area. His great grand parents were homesteaders in the Saguache area over 100 years ago.

Please join our Association!

Our Membership chairman is in negotiations with three Colorado corporations to establish partnerships and receive financial assistance. Last year an asphalt company joined us with the pledge and a medical company funded for two years or smart phone app.

We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form: <http://zebulonpike.org/docs/MembershipBrochure.pdf>

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

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?ref=ts>)

COIN SET AVAILABLE [INDIVIDUAL COINS- \$3] LOOSE SETS OF SIX- \$20] FRAME SETS WITH PAMPHLET (PIKE'S WORDS AND AN EXPLANATION FOR EACH COIN) \$30. SHIPPING AND HANDLING- \$ 1.00

The Pike Association's vinyl decals- The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

Our next Annual Meeting will be on April 28th 2017 at the Royal Gorge, CO.



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