

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail A Charitable nonprofit organization zebulonpike.org



Our Second Birthday

Our Association celebrates our second birthday this month. As we have reported- a) we are IRS Federal income tax exempt under section 501 (c) (3) [Your contributions to us are deductible under section 170 of the IRS Code.]; b) we enjoy the support and assistance of the long distance trail community and many individuals, especially the Santa Fe Trail Association and c) our informational/educational website is zebulonpike.org

Membership Members and nonmembers receive newsletters, invitations for field trips and the membership meetings, and access to the website. Members also receive membership cards, Auto tours, Hike/Bike tours, and access to member areas of the redesigned Pike Website.



Our Congressional Effort Organizations or individuals from all states Pike traversed (MO,KS,NE,CO,NM, TX and LA) as well as Mexico and 14 other states, have pledged their support in our Legislative effort. We will request that you in December or January: visit, write or call your Congress persons in support of and to possibly cosponsor the establishment of the Pike National Historic Trail. We publish three possible suggested letters for the feasibility study legislation. The specific request must come first, should be written in your style and you may choose pieces of each of the suggested letters below. We find that visiting your Senator or Representative has most successful effect, calling second, mail third with email being ineffective and form letters the least effective. The Congress will soon be considering our feasibility legislation. **See the December Newsletter for information regarding beginning this effort.**

Suggested Letter #1

Dear Congressman [Place name here if you wish],

I am asking for your support and possible cosponsorship of the Pike National Historic Act sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet (CO). This legislation would add to the National Trails System the Historic Trail followed by Lt./Capt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike and his men exploring a part of the Louisiana Purchase three years after the purchase.

The historic significance of Pike's effort in 1806-7 brings to note

- 1) The exploration, mapping and discovery in the vast lands in the Osage, Arkansas, South Platte and Rio Grande River watersheds;
- 2) The establishment of American sovereignty over lands in the central Great Plains;
- 3) The establishment of peace among Native American tribes with those in southwest Missouri, central Kansas and southern Nebraska;
- 4) The assistance by Pike to return Osage to their homeland and, in turn, their help returned to him.
- 5) The exploration of a vast portion of the interior of Mexico, and
- 6) The the cultivation of the idea of building a trade route and the eventual building of the Santa Fe Trail.

The Pike Trail materials being developed will encourage tourism and interpretation in these areas of your state [select the Congressman's state]-

Missouri - The Missouri, Osage and Little Osage River basins, including the Ozarks and portions of the Truman Reservoir.

Kansas - Southeast and central Kansas to Red Cloud, Nebraska, Red Cloud to Great Bend and Southwest following the Arkansas

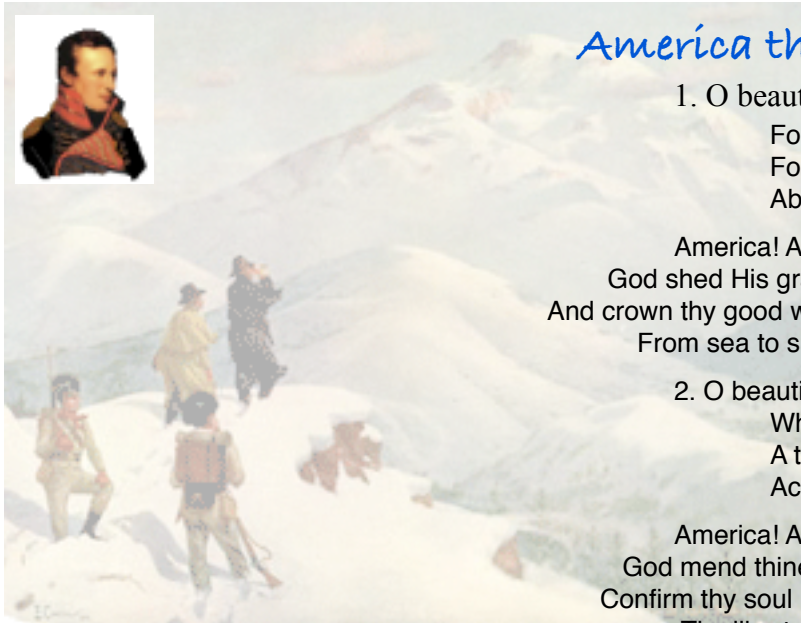
Colorado - The Arkansas River to its source, the head waters of the South Platte River in South Park, the Wet Mountain and San Luis Valleys, the Rio Grande River south into New Mexico, and his attempt to climb Pikes Peak;

New Mexico - The Rio Grande River valley including Santa Fe and Albuquerque

Texas - El Paso, Eagle Pass through San Antonio, Austin, Crockett, and Nacogdoches

Louisiana - Natchitoches area

Other suggested letters on page 3



America the Beautiful-

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

3. O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.



Katharine Lee Bates

(lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates; music composed by Samuel A. Ward)

Katharine Lee Bates wrote *America the Beautiful* on the top of Pikes Peak in 1893. A monument with the words greet visitors on the top.

Ms. Bates was born in Massachusetts in 1859 and for many years was a professor of English literature at Wellesley College.

In 1893, when Bates was teaching English during the summer at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, she wrote the first rough outline of "America the Beautiful" when on a trip to the top. Later she recalled:

"One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

The words to her only famous poem appeared in *The Congregationalist* as "America", for Independence Day, 1895. A wider audience read her revised version in the *Boston Evening Transcript* on November 19, 1904. In 1913, she wrote her final expanded version.

The hymn has been sung to several tunes, but the familiar one used by Ray Charles is by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward (1847–1903), written for his hymn "Materna" [O Mother Dear] in 1882.

Monty, Masons and the Pike Ancestors

Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Jr., our first Vice President, was recently asked to provide a very brief story of some high lights of his life and his background.

You all have read the story of my relations with the Pike story in the Pike News. Anyway, I'd like to clear up a heritage that applies to me. I am a direct descendant of Zebulon Pike of Revolutionary War fame. His son was Zebulon Montgomery Pike who our group honors. So that makes me a direct descendant of Zebulon Pike and the great, great, great grandnephew of the explorer.

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The explorer grew up in the military. He received his devotion and patriotic training in his father's eye and guidance. He received his first military rank in his father's post.

But I would like to tell you of his father's importance in the War of Independence. Zebulon [the father] was a close associate of high ranking military leaders and even General George Washington. His Masonic associations were with those who believed in Masonic teaching. He was also a member of the Society of Cincinnati which was organized in 1783 by those men who wanted to be free of British rule.

Zebulon Pike signed the Parchment Roll and became a member of the Society which George Washington was the leader. And with the urging of Society members was awarded the title now used by Lodges as a Master Mason. This was done in Philadelphia at one of the military meetings.

Zebulon's son, Zebulon Montgomery never was never in one place long enough to take the degrees of a Master Mason but he used Masonic teachings as well as accepted Military Rules and Regulations.

In order for me to become a member of the Society, a provable lineage was demanded with census records, birth and death certificates were required and proved. So my lineage starts with my dad- Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Sr., Charles Pike, Anderson Gage Pike, James Brown Pike to Zebulon Pike. I was accepted by and voted into the Society of the Cincinnati, Philadelphia Chapter. I am a 32o Mason and a member for 3 years.

I am extremely honored to be a member of an Historical Giant.

Monty

Generation 1	great	Zebulon Pike
Generation 2	great	James Brown Pike
Generation 3	great	Anderson Gage Pike
Generation 4	grand	Charles Pike
Generation 5	father	Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Sr.
Generation 6	nephew	Monty

Future Support Visits, Calls or Letters for the Pike Legislation [continued]

Suggested Letter #2 [Senator Bennet's office]

Dear Congressman,

I am asking you to support the **Pike National Historic Trail Act** sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet (CO). This legislation would add to the National Trails System the expeditionary route taken by Lt./Capt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike and his men into the Louisiana Purchase.

Designation of the 1806-1807 Pike Expeditionary route will inspire a broader understanding of our nation and its many peoples. That trail traverses 3,664 miles through Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Mexico and Texas, touching Nebraska and Louisiana. This trail has tremendous historical significance and provides a chance to enrich the country's heritage through its preservation.

This is also an exciting opportunity to enhance public recreation. There are numerous recreational areas along the Pike route, such as in the Ozarks and lakes in Kansas, and several other potential sites to be used for such activities as biking and hiking. In addition to increasing public recreation there is also an opportunity to develop the role of tourism in Park County, Colorado.

The expansion of the National Trails System Act will benefit all American people by honoring a historic expedition, improving public recreation, and developing tourism.

Thank you for your support.

Suggested Letter #3

Dear Congressman [Place name here if you wish],

We request that you support the **Pike National Historic Trail Act** sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet (CO) and also consider becoming a cosponsor of this legislation in the steps required to enable the Pike National Historic Trail. The legislation will enable the commemoration of Lt./Capt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike and his men in the earliest American exploration of the Louisiana Purchase in 1806-1807, and allow the establishment of several historic interpretive efforts.

The 3664 mile path Pike followed will help the tourism efforts in your state because the Pike National Historic Trail will pass through [see Letter #1 or visit the maps on www.zebulonpike.org].

Sincerely,

The offices of the Pike National Historic Trail Association received its Certificate of Occupancy on November 20 after its devastating loss on February 6th. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Join Now! Please consider membership in our organization

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Student	\$15	Corporal Jackson	Small Business	\$75	Robinson-Brown-Miller
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Family	\$35	Menaugh-Stout	Benefactor	\$500	Sparks-Daugherty
Non profit organization	\$50	Vasquez-Smith	Life	\$1000	Zebulon Pike

Name _____

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___ The Pike Assoc. website

Town _____ State ___ Zip _____

___ Historic/heritage investigation

___ Providing educational opportunities

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___ Producing educational materials

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___ I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

___ I /we will write letters of legislative support

___ I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)

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