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FAST-MOVING JUNKINS FIRE EAST OF WESTCLIFFE, CO BURNS MORE THAN 17,809 ACRES

One of 27 active wildfires in Colorado, the Junkins fire effects properties Pike visited. See page 5.

PIKE'S VALUES AND CHARACTER

A nation's tears will consecrate his name,
And raise his virtues on the wings of Fame.

Regarding Pike-Niles' Weekly Register: Fort George, August 10, 1813

We at the Pike National Historic Trail Association are working for more than the historic preservation of a trail. We work to promote knowledge of the achievements of a man little known and even less understood and to rehabilitate and to correct misconceptions about the actions of a man who was a dedicated and loyal soldier in the foundation of our nation. His commitment, perseverance, and patriotism sustained him and his men throughout their exploration and personal and physical trials.

With the approval of the Board we present a series of articles considering

Pike's Values, Character, Loyalism and Patriotism—Article 1

Pike's early grounding

He was born into a military family and followed in his father's footsteps. His father, Zebulon Pike, fought with Washington and raised a family firmly loyal to the new nation. Thus, his son's early, formative years provided the ethical backbone for his later life.

Born on January 5, 1779 in Lamington, New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War, he was an autodidact who studied mathematics, science, and history. In 1801 he married Clarissa Harlow Brown. Of their three children, a daughter, Clarissa Brown Pike, survived to adulthood. She married John Cleves Symmes Harrison, son of President William Henry Harrison.

Pike's military career began when he joined his father's unit at Fort Massac on the Ohio River where he taught himself military procedures and logistics and worked in logistics and payroll at a series of frontier posts, including Fort Kaskaskia and Fort Bellefontaine near St. Louis.

Between 1807 and 1812 Pike rose four ranks from Captain to Brigadier General and Adjutant General of the U.S. Army. Before 1811 he became a Lt. Colonel (4th Infantry Regiment fighting at the Battle of Tippecanoe), became a Colonel very early in 1812, and Brigadier General on March 12, 1813.

"Pike's values need to be passed on to our children."

-John Patrick Michael Murphy

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LETTERS RECEIVED #1

Friends,

Keep up the "fight"!! Recognition of the Pike Legacy through the Pike National Historic Trail is of value to the American People and International Visitor. Remember that you are working for more than historic preservation. It is time we start using history to improve society today. The values that got Pike and his men through their "ordeal" should resonate today. Define those values and how they will help current and future Americans. Then go forward. Be consistent in your mission and never give up.

Advice from Jim Mallory, Vice Chairman Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.
Advisor to the Pike National Historic Trail Association Pike Trail in Colorado

WE NEED YOUR HELP COLORADO WE'RE TALK'N DESIGNATION

We are now communicating with County Commissioners for the designation of the Pike Trail in Colorado.

Request- That you give support for the Pike Trail in Colorado to the County Commissioners in Prowers, Bent, Otero, Crowley, Pueblo, El Paso, Teller, Fremont, Park, Chaffee, Lake, Custer, Huerfano, Sawuache, Alamosa, Costilla, and Conejos. Letters emails or phone calls, please.

PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 8



Patrick Smith BOTH expeditions. Detained in New Spain back in US by the end of 1809

left on 1/14/07 at Cañon City, CO Upper Arkansas River Valley with cache [later retrieved after 2/26] with Baronet Vasquez.



John Sparks BOTH expeditions. Detained in New Spain back in US by the end of 1809 with Thomas Dougherty left on 1/22/1807 at Horn Creek Westcliffe, CO Wet Mtn Valley because of frostbite [later rescued after 2/26] (Sent back toes to Pike on 2/17.)

More next month

PIKE'S MONUMENTS AND MARKERS NOW UP TO 76



Courtesy of the Toronto Convention and Tourist Association
GENERAL ZEBULON PIKE MEMORIAL

The memorial is built on the spot where General Pike, discoverer of Pike's Peak, fell at Fort York, Toronto, in 1813.

<— Just found Pike Memorial in Toronto where he fell in 1813.

With the addition of several in Sackets Harbor, NY and one on the Ohio River we are now up to recording 76 Pike monuments and markers across America. This list with accompanying pictures, gps, address information and notes, is available to Congress to support our Federal designation effort. It is also available to State legislatures, county and town governments, and most importantly YOU. If you would like to read the list, please contact us.

If you know of more items especially in New Mexico, Mexico, Texas, Louisiana as well as those in his 1st expedition states (IL, WS, IA, MN) please make us aware of them.

An article about Pike's meeting with Julien Dubuque appears below.

LETTERS RECEIVED #2

Thank you for reaching out. The bill containing the Pike National Historic Trail amendment was never passed in this Congress. We look forward to introducing a bill next year and hope you can recommend an interested co-sponsor to make this a bipartisan effort. Your work on the inventory of Zebulon Pike's explorations across America is a great start in bringing attention to his success as well as the importance of studying the creation of a Pike National Historic Trail. It does feel cumbersome to need a congressional vote to direct the National Park Service to study, using existing funding, the possibility of designating an Historic Trail. We are committed to working with the Pike National Historic Trail Association to get this moved forward.

Annie Oatman-Gardner | Pikes Peak Regional Director | U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet, Colorado Springs CO

PIKE AND DUBUQUE MEET- ENCYCLOPEDIA DUBUQUE

On September 1, 1805 Julien Dubuque and Zeb Pike met near today's Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque had been granted the land where he established his lead 'Mines of Spain.' When the French gained ownership, he took down the Spanish flag and flew the French flag. Always aware of which government possessed the land he was granted, he now accepted the American flag which Pike planted below his cabin on Catfish Creek- 1 1/2 miles south of today's Dubuque. What ensued shows the cautious nature of Julien.

-Excerpts from Encyclopedia Dubuque- PIKE, Zebulon Montgomery
http://www.encyclopediadubuque.org/index.php?title=PIKE,_Zebulon_Montgomery

Pike visited Julien DUBUQUE at the MINES OF SPAIN. From Pike's records:

First September, Sunday – Embarked early; wind fair; arrived at the lead mines at 12 o'clock. * * * We were saluted with a field piece and received with every mark of attention by Monsieur Dubuque, the proprietor. There were no horses at the house and it was six miles to where the mines were worked; it was therefore impossible to make a report by actual inspection. I therefore proposed ten queries, on the answers to which my report was founded. Dined with Mr. D., who informed me that the Sioux and Sauteurs (Chippewas) were as warmly engaged in opposition as ever.

During Pike's visit, he questioned Dubuque about his MINING operation. From Pike's records:
"QUERIES PROPOSED TO MR. DUBUQUE WITH HIS ANSWERS.

1. What is the date of your grant of the mines from the savages? Answer: The copy of the grant is in Mr. Soulard's office at St. Louis.
2. What is the date of the confirmation by the Spaniards? Answer : The same as to query first.
3. What is the extent of your grant? Answer; The same as above.
4. What is the extent of the mines? Answer ; Twenty-eight or twenty-seven leagues long and from one to three broad.
5. Lead made per annum? Answer: From 20,000 to 40,000 pounds.
6. Quantity of lead per cent of mineral? Answer: Seventy-five per cent.
7. Quantity of lead in pigs? Answer: All he makes, as he neither manufactures bar, sheet-lead, nor shot. (1)

1. Oldt, Franklin T., **History of Dubuque County, Iowa**. Chicago: Goodspeed Historical Association, 1911, p. 37

OUR SEPTEMBER INTERVIEW FOR THE MOUNTAIN MAIL- SALIDA, CO PIKE IN THE PRESS AND MEDIA-

In Zebulon Pike's footsteps - Trail will cover 3,664 miles in U.S., Mexico

John Cameron, Mail Staff Writer Posted: Wed., September 14, 2016 10:33 am

http://www.themountainmail.com/free_content/article_fcb31b48-7a98-11e6-a007-8b07ac23f51d.html

With rations dangerously low, expedition leader Zebulon Montgomery Pike instructed his men to make camp near the Arkansas River, where they would spend Christmas Day 1806 just 6 miles west of Salida. Christmas Camp, as it was called in Pike's journals, was a stopover on a year-long expedition that brought the explorer to the Upper Arkansas Valley on a 3,664-mile journey for the purpose of exploring the Louisiana Purchase and headwaters of the Arkansas River.

Now, descendants of Zebulon Montgomery Pike and historians are working to preserve the route by creating the Pike National Historic Trail.

"We are working to establish a hiking trail, driving route and bicycle route that closely follows Pike's 1806 southern expedition," said Harv Hisgen, historian and president of the Pike National Historic Trail Association.

Once complete, the 3,664-mile route would encompass seven U.S. states and three provinces in Mexico. "It would be an international effort to complete the trail, and right now I think we are a long way off from even receiving national designation at this time," said Hisgen.

National designation from the federal government would first require an act of Congress and an impact assessment that Hisgen said would take years to complete.

Hisgen, a major proponent of the Pike Trail, began organizing the route in 2006 around the time of the bicentennial of the Pike Expedition.

"We decided that in order to get the trail done, we would have to break it down state by state and attain historic designation for each segment – beginning with Colorado," he said.

The Pike Expedition of 1806 was ordered by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the southern boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, said Monty Pike, great-great-nephew of expedition leader Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

Monty Pike, 94, lives in Chaffee County and has used Zebulon Montgomery's expedition journals to retrace the expedition.

He was appointed vice president of the Pike National Historic Trail Association when it was founded.

At the time of the Pike Expedition, everything south of the Arkansas River was controlled by Spain, but Jefferson considered the entire watershed of the Arkansas River to be the territory of the United States, said Monty Pike.

The Pike Expedition set off in July 1806 from St. Louis, Mo., with fewer supplies than the relatively well-funded Lewis and Clark Expedition 3 years earlier, he said.

When the expedition first reached what is now Colorado Springs, Pike saw a great big pile of rocks and tried to climb it. After 4 days he turned back without ever reaching the top, said Monty Pike.

The expedition then moved up the Arkansas River before turning south through Mexico and ending in Louisiana almost a year to the day from when it began.

A trail that would follow the original route has captured a lot of peoples' imagination, Monty Pike said.

"The Colorado segment of the Pike National Historic Trail is the heart of Pike's southwest expedition," said Hisgen.

Hisgen said he has focused his attention on securing historic designations for the trail in areas where support is more easily obtained.

In Colorado, a new law took the Pike Trail one step closer to designation.

On April 15, Gov. John Hickenlooper signed into law House Bill 16-1106, which authorizes county commissioners in Colorado to designate public roads as pioneer trails that follow routes of national significance.

“The first thing we would do is install signs and informational panels along existing roadways to create a car route for the Pike Trail,” said Hisgen.

There are a few signs already along the expedition route, but a completed trail would have more informational panels and walk-in sites to areas of significance like Christmas Camp near Poncha Springs, he said.

A hiking route would come later.

Hisgen said he and other members of the Pike National Historic Trail Association are in the process of contacting county commissioners in areas where the proposed trail would pass and asking for their support.

He continues to field test portions of the route by driving and hiking areas where the Pike Expedition is known to have passed.

“I’ve field tested most of the U.S. route but have yet to do any in Mexico,” said Hisgen.

Hisgen said he will next turn his attention to gaining support from Pueblo tribes and county leaders in New Mexico.

“Once the trail has received designation in New Mexico, I will start working on Kansas,” said Hisgen.

“I’ll keep doing this and I’ll get it,” he said.

More information about Pike National Historic Trail and Association can be found at zebulonpike.org.

DIGITIZED PIKE- 2 RESOURCES FOR YOU

Chuck, one of our new Board members, sent us a link which we’d like to share. The New York Public Library digitized Pike Journals including supporting documents. Therefor you can cut and paste this material for your interest and use.

“Full text of "The expeditions of Zebulon Montgomery Pike, to headwaters of the Mississippi River, through Louisiana Territory, and in New Spain, during the years 1805-6-7”

https://archive.org/stream/expeditionsofzeb01pike/expeditionsofzeb01pike_djvu.txt

We admit there is a lot of work needed to reasonably condense these pdf pages. If you would like the Association’s daily journal Pike words for both expeditions, request what dates you would like.

FAST-MOVING JUNKINS FIRE EAST OF WESTCLIFFE BURNS MORE THAN 17,809 ACRES 10/22/16



The Junkins Fire, burning in Pueblo and Custer Counties, has burned 17,809 acres and is 33 percent contained. The fire has burned 8 homes and 18 other structures. One of 27 active Colorado wildfires (3 < 100% contained), the Junkins and the 2 Fort Carson fires effect properties Pike visited.

Some evacuations are being lifted, and the smoke from the Junkins fire has visibly diminished since Tuesday. The two Fort Carson fires in El Paso County are 100%

contained. Little was visible on Tuesday. (More by Googling- Junkins fire update)

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



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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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