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## PIKE'S PERSONAL VALUES AND CHARACTER Perseverance, Tenacity, Diligence Article 2

The memory of the ever to be regretted General Montgomery Pike, whose soul is wafted to the realms of bliss—we cherish his precepts, and will endeavor to imitate his examples.

**Above quote from Niles' Weekly Register: Fort George, August 10, 1813**

### Pike's first expedition-upper Mississippi River

Aside from locating the headwaters of the Mississippi River, Pike was given the tasks of locating sites for forts, securing peace among the Indians, and the establishment sovereignty in today's northern Minnesota with the British.

His perseverance, tenacity, and diligence in achieving these tasks can be illustrated with a couple of examples.

#### Fort sites

Several sites were examined including one north of Dubuque, IA, one at Prairie du Chien, WS, and 100,000 acres from Falls of St. Anthony, Minneapolis, MN to the St Croix River. While establishing a peace between the Lakota Sioux and their neighboring tribes, he purchased what is now Minneapolis/ St. Paul on September 23, 1805 from them.

#### Regarding the British

He challenged agents of the North West British Company, on several topics for change of British behavior.

- "paying the duties, obtaining licences, and subscribing unto all the rules and restrictions of our laws"
- not "presenting *medals* of his Britannic majesty, and *flags* of the said government" to the Indians.
- "arms, ammunition, &c. to be distributed to the savages"
- "Your flags, sir, when hoisted in inclosed works, are in direct contradiction of the laws of nations" and
- "distribution of liquor to the Indians". -Pike

Pike to Hugh McGillis, Proprietor and agent- N. W. Establishment, on Lake Leech, February 6 1806

"That you will make representations to your agents, at your head quarters, on Lake Superior, of the quantity of goods just wanted the ensuing spring, for your establishments in the territory of the United States, in time sufficient, or as early as possible, for them to enter them at the C.H. Michilimackinac, and obtain a clearance and license to trade in due form.

2d. That you will give immediate instruction to all your posts in said territory, under your direction, at no time and on no pretense whatever to hoist, or suffer to be hoisted, the English flag. If you can see the flag necessary, you may make use of that of the United States, which is the only one which can be admitted.

3d. That you will on no further occasion, present a flag or medal to an Indian: hold councils with them on political subjects, or others foreign from that of trade: but on being applied to on those heads, refer them to the American agents, informing them that they are the only persons authorized to hold councils of a political nature with them.

There are many other subjects, such as a distribution of liquor, &c. which would be too lengthy to be treated of in detail. But the company will do well to furnish themselves with the laws, regulating the commerce with the savages, and regulate themselves in our territories accordingly. I embraced this opportunity, to acknowledge myself and command under singular obligations to yourselves and agents, for the assistance which you have rendered us, and the polite treatment with which I have been honored. With sentiments of high respect, for the establishment and yourself, I am, sir, your obedient servant."

-Pike

Jackson, Donald. Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike. 1966 University of Oklahoma Press. Vol. 1 pp. 256-259.

Mr. McGillis agreed to change the company's behavior but "begged" not to pay the tariff on British goods for 1805-1806, writing that this will "cause us great expense and trouble to be obliged to convey those goods back to Michilimackinac to be entered at the custom house office."

Jackson, Donald. Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike. 1966 University of Oklahoma Press. Vol. 1 pp. 259-261.  
Hugh McGillis to Pike, Leech Lake, 15th February, 2006

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PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 9

Freegift Stout BOTH expeditions. Not much known.

This is the final drawing of Pike's Damn'd Rascals.

Lieut. James Biddle Wilkinson (c. 1783 – September 17, 1813) 2nd expedition only 1st Lieutenant in the 2d Infantry Reg. 1803. Spent most of his career as an aid to his father- General James Wilkinson. He descended the Arkansas River from Great Bend, KS on 10/28/1806 (planned) and arrived at New Orleans in late February 1807. DESERTED by Privates Bradley, Huddleston and Wilson at Arkansas Post Feb. 4, 1807. Four of 5 deserted him. ONLY Ballinger stayed with him.

His mother Ann Biddle Wilkinson died February 23, 1807. With General James Wilkinson, she had four sons: James Biddle (c. 1783 – September 17, 1813) (the one on Pike's 2d Expedition).



PIKE'S MONUMENTS AND MARKERS NOW UP TO 85

Recent additions to our Inventory of Pike Monuments are:

Landing of American Troops at York panel - in Toronto (York), Ontario Canada (installed April 2013), the Plattsburgh NY excavation and the Zebulon Pike Youth Services Center Colorado Springs.

PIKE'S PROMOTIONS

**Pike, Zebulon Montgomery.** N.J. N.J. Born 5 January 1779

2nd Lieutenant	2nd infantry	2 March	1799;
1st Lieutenant		1 November	1799;
Transferred to	1st infantry	1 April	1802;
<b>1st Expedition- upper Mississippi River 1805- 1806</b>			
<b>2nd Expedition- Southwest 1806- 1807</b>			
Captain		12 August	1806;
Major	6th infantry	May	1808;
Lieutenant Colonel	4th infantry	31 December	1809;
Military Agent in New Orleans- 1809 to 1810			
<b>Battle of Tippecanoe November 7, 1811, Lafayette, IN</b>			
Deputy Quartermaster General		3 April to 3 July	1812;
Colonel	Commander of the 15th infantry	6 July	1812;
<b>War of 1812 from June 1812 until his death</b>			
Brigadier General		12 March	1813;
Adjutant Gen. & Inspector General		12 March	1813;
Killed 27 April 1813 in the attacks of York, upper Canada after the capture of Fort York by explosion of the British magazine.			

Francis B. Heitman, **Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, from its organization, September 29, 1789, to March 2, 1903**, Vol. I, Page 792, Washington, Government Printing Office, 1903. (and others).

THE FATHER Same author

**Pike, Zebulon.** N J. N J.

Corporal	4th Continental Dragoons	1 March	1777;
Regimental Adjutant		20 November	1777;
Lieutenant		15 March	1778;
Captain		25 December	1778;
Regimental Paymaster	1 June 1780 and served to close of the I war [1783];		
Captain in the levies			in 1791;
cert US infantry		5 March	1792;
Assistant to 3rd Sublet		4 September	1792;
Assistant to 3rd infantry		1 November	1796;
Major		21 March	1800;
transferred to 1st infantry		1 April	1802;
brevet Lieutenant Colonel		10 July	1812;
Honorably Discharged		15 June	1815

[died 27 July 1834.]

DISNEY ARTIST JOINS OUR EFFORT- **Just in time for Christmas**

Our September Interview for the Mountain Mail- Salida, CO prompted a retired Disney artist from Cotopaxi, CO to join our effort.

Greeting cards- 3 shown below

- 1- **\$2.95** retail each
- 10 cards- **\$29.95** **\$26.93** if ordered by 12/31 Tax-free Free shipping (10% off)
- 20 cards- **\$59.90** **\$47.92** if ordered by 12/31 Tax-free Free shipping (20% off)

Greeting cards may be purchased in mixed lots of a minimum of 10 by code under each design.

The brief history noted below is printed on the back of every design as shown in PK 1. All cards are blank inside for your personal notes.

Zebulon Montgomery Pike was ordered in 1805 by General Wilkinson to explore up the Mississippi River by foot, horse and boat thru what we now call states like Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota to almost Canada in winter. This brave soldier led a company of men where no American had gone before thru storms and hardships to say to world powers "the United States of America is here". There were only paths.

The area he explored would become the large area of the central United States of America.

In 1806 he led 22 men west thru what we now call Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. Brave men all! You can read his journals.

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PK 1 young child



PK 2 young child



PK 3 adult



PK 4 teen



PK 5 teen

- Painting #1 Pike's Christmas 1806**  
 Original oil; \$5995 framed.  
 24x36" LE framed giclee' canvas print: **\$595**  
 20x30" LE framed giclee' canvas print: **\$455**  
 12x18" open edition unframed paper giclee' print: **\$ 49.95**  
 10x15 or 12X18" open edition paper giclee' prints; framed **\$139.95**

**Painting #2 Bighorn "New Animal"** same pricing (Pike- 1st American to site Colorado's state animal)  
 (sketch shown- will be completely rendered for Christmas shipping)

Modest Shipping cost added after 12/31/16 Sales tax (4.5%) added if ordered in Colorado after 12/31/16

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 By mail: -Ed French- PO Box 300 Cotopaxi, CO 81223 **or**  
 -Pike National Historic Trail Association 10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433 **or**  
 -by phone 303-912-9939 **or**  
 email: [harv.pike@gmail.com](mailto:harv.pike@gmail.com)

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.



## PIKE'S CANTONMENT PLATTSBURGH, NY

The **War of 1812** began in June 1812 and entered the fall of 1812 along Upper Canada's Niagara frontier. On 11 September, US Army forces were being assembled south of Montreal on the Saranac River on the west side of Lake Champlain at Plattsburgh, NY. The intention was to move on Montreal.

### The First Invasion of Quebec

Colonel Pike (15th infantry) having just fought in the **Battle of Tippecanoe** on November 7, 1811, was ordered to lead 600 soldiers into Canada to engage the British at the small village of LaColle, just 4 mi. north of the border. 400–500 British and Native Americans under British Major Charles-Michel d'Irumberry De Salaberry were encamped there. Major Salaberry had withdrawn most of his forces the evening before the 20th of November when Pike's offensive began.

The firefight left a number of the enemy killed and wounded six Americans. Pike pulled his men back to Champlain, NY later that morning.

Leading the War from Champlain, Major General Henry Dearborn, abandoned this offensive and marched the entire army back to Plattsburgh.

Colonel Pike with approximately 2,000 soldiers under his command began to build Camp Plattsburgh or Pike's Cantonment Saranac. The first huts were completed on Christmas Day.

**Pike's Cantonment Site archaeological dig started in earnest** "It was not until 2011–2013, in work by the Battle of Plattsburgh Association using metal detectors as the primary survey tool, that the site was positively identified as Cantonment Saranac." -Dr. Timothy Abel, archaeologist.

Dr. Tim Abel told us on 10Nov2016 "So, as far as the link of the Zagreb site to Col. Pike:

"Archival documents link Col. Pike to the cantonment at Plattsburgh, NY in the winter of 1812-1813. We found at the site military buttons of the 15th regiment, his regiment as Colonel at the time. We also excavated one of several cabin floors preserved at the site, identifying the quarters of a staff officer, so we believe- perhaps a Captain or Adjutant. His cabin may also be preserved at the site, but it has not been investigated."

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

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](http://www.zebulonpike.org)

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

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