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UPDATE ON THE PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY DR. ILLIS URBAN

The National Park Service is making continued progress on the Pike National Historic Trail Feasibility Study. A draft route of Pike's expedition has been digitized in GIS. Draft route maps are posted on the project website, <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/pike>, and can be downloaded there.

NPS Historian, Guy McClellan, is holding a series of on-going meetings with Harv Hisgen, President of the Pike NHT Association, to discuss the route.

A series of virtual public meetings are being planned for May/June 2021. Dates and times of the meetings are forthcoming and will be shared with the Pike NHT Association directly, as well as posted to the study's webpage. Stay tuned!

As always, please visit the study's planning page to track project updates and to learn more about the study process: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/pike>

PIKE'S DAM'D RASCALS

Putting a Face with a Name

Little or nearly nothing is known about Pike's men on both the Mississippi Expedition and the Southwest Expedition. 11 were privates in the US Army, 1 Corporal, 1 Sergeant, 1 volunteer physician, and 1 interpreter. "Dam'd Rascals" (- Pike referral), were the men Pike could depend on included 15 men (and himself).

Two years ago (11/2018), we wanted to put a Face With the Name. Ed French imagined what Pike's men looked like from what little he had.

Let us now give a description with a name.



Lieutenant/ Captain Zebulon Montgomery PIKE

Person in authority Promoted by the Army to Captain August 12, 1806 One of the hunters.

-Left Fort BelleFontaine July 15, 1806

-Established Camp Independence in Bates/Vernon Counties, MO August 19 to September 1, 1806 and met with Grand and Little Osage returning 51 natives to their villages

-Pike met with the Republican Pawnee Sept. 25 - Oct. 7, 1806 between Red Cloud and Guide Rock, NE on the Republican River establishing American sovereignty and native American peace.

-Saw Pikes Peak ("small blue cloud"- 116mi NW) and the Mexican Peaks (East & West Spanish Peaks- 108mi SW) near Walsenburg, CO) on November 15, 1806 at 2pm from Las Animas, CO.

-He had the Pueblo (11/24), Cañon City (~12/6) and San Luis Valley (2/1) shelters/ stockades built.

-He attempted to climb Pikes Peak November 24-29, 1806 with Robinson, Miller and Brown.

-Accompanied by Miller and Mountjoy on December 21, 1806 left to explore the headwaters of the Arkansas.

-Climbed up 1000 feet out of the Royal Gorge on January 4 and "celebrated" his 28th birthday January 5, 1807 with a bent rifle.

-Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons

-Questioned by Governor Allencaster in Santa Fe March 4, 1807.

-Questioned by commandant general Salcedo in Chihuahua April 2, 1807, surrendered his papers.

-Arrived Natchitoches, LA July 1, 1807

TO SUM- He/ they discovered the headwaters of the Osage, Cottonwood, Arkansas, and South Platte Rivers; returning Osage to their villages, and bringing peace to the Great Plains and establishing American sovereignty.

What do we know about Pike's 16 men? The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike
14 of 16 men were on both expeditions except Robinson and Vasquez.

John BROWN, the oldest person
One of the hunters.

With Pike, Robinson, and Miller, he attempted to climb Pikes Peak November 24-29, 1806 attempted Pikes Peak, disciplined for complaining at Muddy Creek- Wet Mountain Valley, Colorado January 24, 1807
Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Jacob CARTER

Remained at the SLV Stockage- San Luis Valley January 27, 1807 to await the rescue party.

Thomas DAHERTY (DAUGHERTY)

Remained at Horn Creek January 22, 1807 with frozen feet.
Rescued

William GORDON

Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Corporal Jeremiah JACKSON

Headed first attempt to retrieve men February 7, 1807 (with four others) from the Wet Mountain Valley
Remained at the SLV Stockage- San Luis Valley January 27, 1807 to await the rescue party.

Sergeant William MEEK

Volunteered with Miller to retrieve Vasquez, Smith, Daugherty, and Sparks on January 19, 1807.

Hugh MENAUGH

Remained at Muddy Creek January 27, 1807 with cache and somewhat frozen feet returned/rescued from Muddy Creek February 18, 1807 by Jackson.

Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Theodore MILLER

With Pike, Robinson, and Brown, he attempted to climb Pikes Peak November 24-29, 1806.
Accompanied Pike and Mountjoy on December 21, 1806 to explore the headwaters of the Arkansas.
Volunteered with Meek to retrieve Vasquez, Smith, Daugherty, and Sparks on February 19, 1807

John MOUNTJOY

Accompanied Pike and Miller on December 21, 1806 to explore the headwaters of the Arkansas.
Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Dr John ROBINSON, civilian volunteer physician

One of the hunters.

With Pike, Brown, and Miller, he attempted to climb Pikes Peak November 24-29, 1806.
Left for Santa Fe early.

Alexander ROY

Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Patrick SMITH

Remained at Cañon City Jan. 14, 1807 with failing horses and goods left by main party. Retrieved.

John SPARKS

One of the hunters.

Remained at Horn Creek January 22, 1807 with frozen feet. Rescued.

Freegift STOUTE

Left for Santa Fe February 27, 1807 under escort of the Spanish dragoons.

Antoine Baronet VASQUEZ (Baroney)

Interpreter interacting with native Americans.

Remained at Cañon City Jan. 14, 1807 with failing horses and goods left by main party. Retrieved.



NEW OHIO VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Tom and Kris Howell have volunteered as our new Ohio Volunteer Coordinators. They live 96 miles directly north of the Ohio River in Celina.

Pike in his early years moved cargo on the Ohio River to the American frontier on the Mississippi River from Pittsburg.

They join Judy Lee MacDougall of Cincinnati as Ohio Volunteer Coordinators.

OUR FRIEND AND MEMBER JIM BULL PASSES AT HIS HOME

Longtime Colorado lawyer Jim Bull died peacefully at home in Arroyo Seco, NM, near Taos NM, Friday night Feb 26, 2021 surrounded by wife Connie and family and dogs, his beloved towering Taos mountain looming nearby. Jim was a skier, classic wooden boat owner, history buff, author, world traveler, US Army veteran and a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School.

Jim is thanked by Harv Hisgen, head of the Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail Association, to which Jim had donated a rare 1810 Pike Journal from his collection to the San Luis Valley Museum [Alamosa, CO]. Dorothy Brandt, Museum President, holds the Pike Journal.



Jim's Pike Journal was published in 1810 after Pike tediously reconstructed the 1806 part of his journals. Pike's record was confiscated in Chihuahua, Mexico by the Governor Salcido and not recovered until 1910 when it was found in an archive in Mexico City. The National Park Service, now conducting a Feasibility Study for the National Trail, uses the 1910 recovered Pike Journal.

"Jaime Toro" was a most enjoyable human being. - Miles Porter and Harv

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE OSAGE

Zebulon Pike is in part remembered for returning 151 Osage to the Little [38.02253, -94.33505] and Grand Osage [37.95908, -94.32037] villages on August 19, 1806. Pike encamped between these villages calling the encampment Camp Independence. (suggested site locations: 37.98333, -94.29166 37.99944, -94.32088 or 37.98333, -94.29166)

The Osage ancestral home is on the Osage and Marmaton Rivers north of Nevada and south of Butler in far western Missouri.

On August 31st the party departed to the Pawnee village on the Republican River in northern Kansas/southern Nebraska.

The Osage knew traumatic experiences.

Prior to 1806, Osage and some Pawnee were captured by the Potawatomi and brought to Washington. Louis Morin, a Washington innkeeper, was hired to care for the Indians while they were in the capital and to provide their return transportation as far as Pittsburgh. Six or seven died on the trip to Pittsburgh.

In 1825, the Osage endured the traumatic experience of the tribe's removal from Missouri to what is today's Northeast Oklahoma. The capital of the OK reservation is Pawhuska (White Hair to Zebulon Pike.) The removal was so traumatic the Osages deliberately blotted out memory of their Missouri days.

The existing Osage Tribal Museum deals almost wholly with their Oklahoma years.

A New Day for the Osage

In December, 2005, Eddy Red Eagle, Jr., a full-blooded Osage, visited their Missouri homeland, saying, "The time has come to fill in the blank." Red Eagle wanted to see the surviving archeological and historical resources to tell the full tribal story at the "Wa Zha Zhi," a tribal cultural center in Pawhuska.

Accompanied by Vernon County Commissioners, Historical Society folks, and the State Parks supervisor, Red Eagle visited sites seen by the Pike National Historic Trail Association field team in 2008. [See Pike



Newsletter: Oct. 2008 Vol. 2 No 8 p.3]. They visited the **Osage Village State Historic Site**, north of Walker, and other area State Park sites; **Blue Mound**; **Halley's Bluff**; and the **Little Osage Site**.

The Osage Village State Historic Site was inhabited in 1719 with 100 lodge type dwellings and a population near 1,000. Within a couple of miles is **Blue Mound**. This is the traditional burial place in 1825 of Pawhuska, or White Hair, the Osages' most famous chief.

Halley's Bluff was the site of **Ft. Carondelet**, the Chouteau trading and military post established under Spanish rule in 1791. The pits would have served to store furs safe from wild animals until they could be shipped downriver to St. Louis. Often referred to as the Carrington Site, offers magnificent of this country. The **Little Osage Site**, east of Arthur, where Zebulon Pike in 1806, returned Osage to joy-filled relatives, is now owned by the Department of Conservation.

Eddy Red Eagle plans to bring Osage schoolchildren on excursions back to tour and experience this world of their forebears, where their culture took shape and endured for hundreds of years.

PERSONS AIDING IN IDENTIFYING THE EXACT ROUTE- COLORADO

The *Pike National Historic Trail Association* is indeed blessed with many individuals who have helped in identifying where Zebulon Pike and his men traveled in Colorado. The Park Service has noted how fortunate it is that these well-qualified individuals have helped in identifying Pike's route. To give these Pikers credit, we offer their qualifications and locations where they helped.

Linda Balough, Former Executive Director South Park Nat. Heritage Area: South Park, CO

Mike Bandera, Former Superintendent Royal Gorge Bridge and Park; Pike in Cañon City and Royal Gorge.

Fred Bunch, Interpreter- NPS Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve: NPS Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Hobart Dixon [retired Adams State Biology Prof], Expert on Pike's activities related to the Sand Dunes.

Temperature inversion at Zapata: Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Rick Manzanares, [deceased], Responsible for the Pike Stockade [replica], San Luis Valley

John Patrick Michael Murphy, Researched Pike's Attempt to climb Pikes Peak from Pueblo and return.

Expert on Pike's route to Mt. Rosa. Guided with Dave Phillipps hikes in Nov 2006 to

Mt. Rosa. Pike expert and Interpreter.: Mt. Rosa, Wet Mtn. Valley

Dr. Leo Oliva, Clive Siegle, Hal Jackson, 2006 Pike Bicentennial Team, Pike experts and authors:
Pike in Colorado

Dave Phillipps, Expert on Pike's route to Mt. Rosa. Guided with John Murphy hikes in Nov 2006 to
Mt. Rosa continuing to Pikes Peak: Mt. Rosa

Monty Pike, [deceased], Lecturer/ Interpreter. Closest relative at the time. Pike in the Upper Arkansas River Valley in particular the 1806 Christmas site. Pike expert: 1806 Christmas site

Tom Rollings, Pike Scholar, Interpreter and author. Responsible for Pike locations from Royal Gorge north:
Pike in the Upper Arkansas River Valley

Kit Shy, Surveyor in Fremont, Custer Counties and the San Luis Valley. Former Custer County Commissioner and Westcliffe Fire Chief. Responsible for locating and installing 18 Pike Roadside Panels in the Upper Arkansas River Valley, Wet Mtn. Valley and the San Luis Valley. Responsible for guiding horseback rides up Grape Creek and over Medano Pass to the Sand Dunes:

Pike in the Upper Arkansas River Valley, to the San Luis Valley.

Dave Walker, retired BLM, Hiked Pike's route from Cañon City to headwaters of Fourmile Creek multiple times noting the lay-of-land and most likely encampments:

Cañon City Stockade and 4 mile Creek to BLM property

Jake Watters, Property owner of McIntire Springs, the actual Pike Stockade site: Sanford, San Luis Valley

Erwin Young, Hydrologist. Pike in the San Luis Valley expert: Pike route in the San Luis Valley, Pike Stockade [replica and actual], McIntyre Spring.

CO County roads and bridges departments & some county GIS experts, When planning and working with County Commissions to pass successfully the PIKE TRAIL IN COLORADO with Auto, Bike, and Hike routes, we worked with county experts.

NPS, NFS & BLM, Help from these entities in various forms was greatly appreciated.

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

***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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