



# PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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## • ON JANUARY 5TH WE CAN CELEBRATE PIKE'S 238TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 238th birthday **Zebulon Montgomery Pike**.

On January 5th, Z "Monty" M. Pike would have celebrated his 238th birthday. To lend some perspective- the day this paragraph was written (27 January) **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** would have celebrated his 261st birthday and we are enjoying Mega-Mozart Day. Mozart was born in 1756 and died 5 December 1791.

So ... Pike was alive during Wolfgang's time and Pike was 12 when Mozart died. Pike died at age 34, Mozart at 35.

## DISCOVER MAGAZINE- THE HEART OF COLORADO 2017

Discover Magazine currently has an article "**Zeb Pike**" by John Cameron. The issue features Buena Vista, Leadville and Salida.

John included pictures of the "Christmas 1806" sign on US 285, Pike, our Monty Pike, Hal Jackson's "Map of Central Colorado", and the actual Big Bend Recreational Area Christmas Camp site. John provides a brief description of the Southwest Expedition, specific information about related locations in the Upper Arkansas, an interview with Zebulon Montgomery "Monty" Pike (94), a former Army captain living in Chaffee County.

A great deal of information was provided about our efforts to establish the Pike Trail in Colorado. The trail "that would follow the original route has captured a lot of people's imagination," Monty told John. President Harv Hisgen told John that after the Pike Trail in Colorado is designated, we will address installing directional signs, and continue to add additional informational panels, request possible walk-in sites, create interpretive materials and complete our smart-phone app.

## PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 11

### Privates

#### John Boley BOTH expeditions.

When Pike set out on his Mississippi expedition, one man in the party— —Boley— was an experienced traveler. Boley had gone with Lewis and Clark as far as the Mandan villages, returning in the spring of 1805 on a barge brought down by Cpl. Richard Warfington. A few weeks later he was on his way north with Pike. Boley was one of the men selected to descend the Arkansas with Lieut. Wilkinson on 10/28/1806, and **among those who deserted when they reached the Arkansas Post**. His sentence of 50 lashes was remitted in consideration of his "services and suffering on the exploring expedition," and on September 3, 1807, he was placed on command as Pike's waiter. On March 31, 1808, he was transferred to Pike's company, and was discharged on October 27, 1808

**Henry Kennerman BOTH expeditions.** Deserted 2nd Expedition not listed by Donald Jackson

## UP AND DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI- ONE MAN'S NARRATIVE PART 2

As we continued north on the Mississippi we began to encounter ice floating on the Mississippi. We built a stockade on today's Pike Lake (Little Falls, MN) and stayed there 85 days for several reasons- partially to avoid all day exposure to the cold weather and snow, to build sleds and canoes, to acquire sufficient dried meat and ([here's the answer to the question in the last newsletter](#)) to wait for the River to freeze on the way up and thaw on the way down. Canoes were useful in the spring but not as useful in winter. Snowshoes and sleds were used on the frozen Mississippi.

We were 768 miles from home and 108 miles above St. Anthony Falls. We built a stockade just south of the Swan River together with sleds to move supplies. The stockade was 36 ft square with two blockhouses one NW and the other SE, enclosed in pickets for protection. Hunting was fabulous.

Thirteen of us left on Dec 9, Monday (Pike, 11 soldiers and the interpreter) to complete the remaining 290+ mile journey, leaving 9 soldiers with Sergeant Kennerman in charge at the stockade.

Three accidents almost ended the journey. - On Oct 28 at the Swan River stockade some gun powder blew up while trying to dry it. - 4 days into the final push (12/14) at the head of Olmsted's Bar a sled fill in the river, ruining all the cartridges, and four pounds of double Battle Sussex Powder. The remaining powder kegs were kept dry. Had they not been saved we would have had to give up the voyage, being without ammunition.

- On Jan 4 between Aitken and Big Sandy Lake, Pike's tents caught fire but three small casks of powder did not take fire. The Lieutenant's life was saved.

We spent Christmas below today's Brainerd, MN. We cached heavy supplies in several locations to travel lighter. Near today's Aitkin, MN, after 5 days we caught up with the Lt. & Corp. Bradley on the 13th of January. We stayed in comfort at the NW Company lodge on Lake de Sable [Big Sandy Lake].

We followed a short cut to today's Grand Rapids, MN and back to the Mississippi. Again we stayed at another of James Grant's NW Co. lodges.

Pike headed west with Miller to Leech Lake (another NW Co. lodge at Steamboat Bay). They arrived on February 1, six days before we arrived.

On the 7th Lt. Pike delivered his "NOTIFICATION TO THE BRITISH OF PRIMACY AND AUTHORITY OF THE U.S. OVER THESE LANDS" to the NW Co. The British were 113 miles into the US doing business without paying tariffs, flying the British flag, etc.

We all moved to the north side of Cass Lake and back to the Mississippi by February 18th. At that time Cass was believed to be the headwaters of the Mississippi River. The upriver journey was completed in 162 days.

We were ready to return. The return journey would take 101 days. We went overland from Cass Lake towards today's Aitkin and Big Sandy area arriving on February 24.

On our return trip we again stayed for 32 days (March 5 to April 6) at the Swan River Stockade as I mentioned earlier (see Part 1 Dec. Newsletter).

The Falls at St. Anthony (10th April, Thursday) was a breeze. We were at Pike's Island 11th April, Prairie du Chien on the 18th, Dubuque, IA on the 23rd, Rock Island on the 25th and below Muscatine IA on the 26th of April.

We met many indian tribes most ready to smoke the pipe of peace. We got back home on the 30th of April having traveled over 2100 miles.

## DISNEY ARTIST COMPLETES THREE PAINTINGS IN OUR PIKE SERIES

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Painting #1   | <b>Pike's Christmas 1806</b> |                       |
| Painting #2   | <b>Bighorn "New Animal"</b>  |                       |
| Painting #3   | <b>A Small Blue Cloud</b>    |                       |
| Original oil:   |                              | <b>\$5995 framed.</b> |
| 24x36" LE framed giclee' canvas print:                                  |                              | <b>\$595</b>          |
| 20x30" LE framed giclee' canvas print:                                  |                              | <b>\$455</b>          |
| 16"x20" Poster " open edition unframed (pictured)                       |                              | <b>\$24.95</b>        |
| plus Modest Shipping cost Sales tax (4.5%) added if ordered in Colorado |                              |                       |



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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)

**A NEW MAJOR PIKE DONATION-** We will be announcing specifics about a major donation of Pike memorabilia for preservation as it becomes appropriate. We are awaiting Legal details.

**AUCTION** Consider joining in on the Auction on the Pike sign shown in December's Newsletter.

**Another LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED-**

We received another Life Membership (Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike level).

Will you consider joining us? Membership blank below.

Another person renewed his Sergeant Meek membership and donated an additional \$75 this month.

**Won't you join our Association also!**

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> or complete and mail the membership form below.

*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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**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.*

**INTER-NATION PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION- BORDER TO BORDER (ALMOST COAST TO COAST)**  
TOTAL MILES OF Border to Border Pike Trail = **8168 miles**

**Join Now!** Please consider membership in our organization

Level	Amt.	Level Name	Level	Amt.	Level Name
Student	\$15	<b>Corporal Jackson</b>	Small Business	\$75	<b>Robinson-Brown-Miller</b>
Individual	\$25	<b>Sergeant Meek</b>	Corporation	\$200 & up	<b>Carter-Gordon-Mountjoy-Roy</b>
Family	\$35	<b>Menaugh-Stout</b>	Benefactor	\$500	<b>Sparks-Daugherty</b>
Non profit organization	\$50	<b>Vasquez-Smith</b>	Life	\$1000	<b>Zebulon Pike</b>

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to help with:

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The Pike Assoc. website

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Historic/heritage investigation

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Providing educational opportunities

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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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