

Newsletter *Pike National Historic Trail* Association May-June 2008

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Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail.

Association Member Campaign The Pike National Historic Trail Association continues to receive membership from Pike enthusiasts from California to Connecticut. **FOUNDING** members, who have joined, include:
Zebulon Pike LIFE, Menaugh-Stout FAMILY, and Sergeant Meek INDIVIDUAL members.

We would like your membership!

Have you joined? **Won't you become a FOUNDING MEMBER today?**

Here is what your membership supports---

€ **Our Congressional Effort**-- a. Congressional Approval of a Feasibility Study, b. Working with the National Park Service and/or Bureau of Land Management on the Study & c. Enabling Legislation (3 efforts foreseen)
(Meeting with Congressmen, Giving testimony in Washington, Mailings and calls for Support letters, calls &/or meetings)

€ **Organizational Start Up Needs**-- Postage, Printing, Nonprofit filing fee, Membership drive costs, etc.

€ **Establishing and Maintaining a Website** € **Future Quality Newsletters**

€ **Association Programs and Field Trips**-- Costs associated with establishing programs and membership trips.

€ **Research Efforts**--Contact with other Nation Trail Organizations, authors, State and Federal agencies.

€ **Pike Site Designation Efforts**--Cooperative efforts to compile site lists, Work with state, county, NPS, NFS and BLM agencies to establish site preservation designations.

€ **Association Document Dissemination**

We wish to thank the Santa Fe Trail Association for their support of us and our membership drive in their newsletter Wagon Tracks.

We trust you received our Membership brochure in April. If not, we will send the brochure to you. You may also complete the form at the end of this or April's newsletter.

Do you have friends who should know about the Pike National Historic Trail Association and its efforts?

Let them know about us- send them the Membership brochure, a Newsletter, or other literature!

Pike facts- Sackets Harbor NY

-Zebulon Pike was killed on April 27, 1813 during the War of 1812 in York, (now Toronto) Ontario and was buried at the military cemetery in the Lake Ontario, harbor village of Sackets Harbor, New York. In a corner, a large granite marker reads: "BRIG. GEN'L Z.M. PIKE U.S.A. AND HIS OFFICERS KILLED IN BATTLE"

-The USS *General Pike*, the second warship built at Sackets Harbor naval yard, was named after him.

-Future President Ulysses S. Grant served two tours of duty in Sackets Harbor as a junior army officer.

More-

- Zebulon married Clarissa Harlow Brown in 1801. Their daughter Clarissa Brown Pike married John Cleves Symmes Harrison, a son of President William Henry Harrison.

-Zebulon's led the southwest expedition with the rank of Lieutenant, was promoted (without his knowing) to Captain in 1806, Major - 1808, Lt. Colonel - 1811 (serving in the 4th Infantry Regiment at the Battle of Tippecanoe,) Colonel- 1812, and Brigadier General - 1813.



Pike's grave in Sackets Harbor, New York (Colorado Springs Gazette)

Walking in their Footsteps-

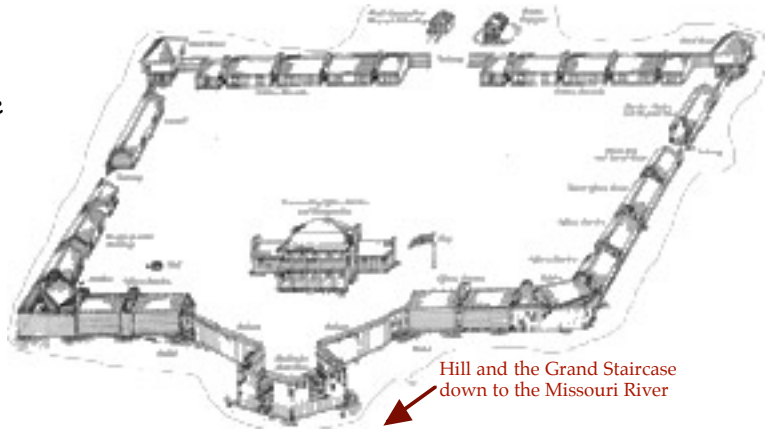
By Allan Vailly

One of our new members wrote- "I would like to make application to become a member of the Pike National Historic Trail Association. ... I have walked a great deal of the Arkansas river wondering if I might, without knowing for certain following a small area they passed over so long ago."

Glenn got me to thinking about a time over eleven years ago when I walked with my golden retriever (she's still alive) along the Missouri River off I-90 in Chamberlain SD thinking much the same as Glenn but rather about Lewis and Clark. I had just completed a school year (in Illinois) (closure- right teachers?), went to visit my niece, and had some time. So I listened, smelled, and felt the footsteps of Clark on horseback and the men pulling the boats up the Missouri. Our second grandson was born the next day in Ft. Collins CO.

As a retired person I have spent the past 9 months walking in Pike's footsteps.

- Have you seen the Grand Staircase placed to the Missouri River by the WPA at **Fort Bellefontaine** (the old fort where Pike left for the Southwest is not there and it's NOT where current maps show it?) Imagine the gathering of 51 Osage, and Pike and his men carrying boats and provisions down the hill to the Missouri. There is no marker for this event on and about July 14, 1806, (but there is a marker for the 3rd encampment for Lewis and Clark.)
- Imagine Pike passing the petroglyphs on the cliff walls near **Columbia MO**. Its now the KATY trail, part of the American Discovery Trail and the Lewis and Clark Trail.
- Climb snowy **Mt. Rosa** (the closest Pike came to climb the small blue cloud.) What an aerie feeling walking where Pike was! [See the March Newsletter \(p. 1\) for those pictures.](#) The Association plans to retrace Pike's steps and continue the 11 miles Pike didn't get attempting Pike's Peak.
- I decided not to walk through **Grape Creek** near Silver Cliff CO in the Wet Mountain Valley to see if I would get frostbite. I know the father of the grandson I held in Ft. Collins 11 years ago would have, had he been with me.



Fort Bellefontaine sign at top of hill overlooking the Missouri- West Alton MO



<-Grape Creek- Wet Mtn. Valley & Sangre de Cristos near Silver Cliff CO AV
- Barb Irwin, National Park Service at **Great Sand Dunes NP** in CO, directed me through the snow in Pike's



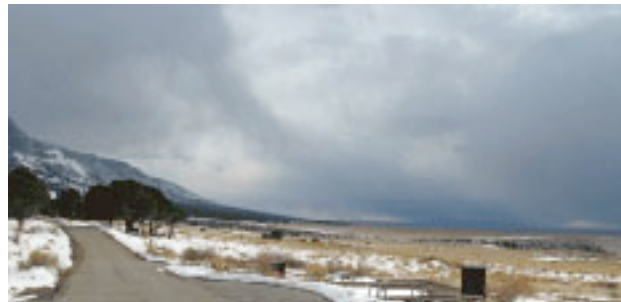
Medano Pass (center Sangre de Cristo), Great Sand Dunes NP (left) AV



footsteps toward Medano Pass beside the Dunes. I was doing what

Pike and his men did so long ago- walking out there. She also showed me where John C. Frémont closed the Sangre de Cristo mountains.

Mosca Pass from Sand Dunes- John C Frémont with guide Kit Carson passed over here. AV



Looking south from Great Sand Dunes NP Pike on the west side of Sangre de Cristo San Luis Valley CO. AV

San Antonio Mtn. NM from the Pike Stockade. The Old Spanish Trail (now a Nat. Hist. Tr. & the route the Spanish took Pike's men existed on both sides of San Antonio Mtn. AV



Walking in their Footsteps (continued)

-Chris Youngs went out in the snow to the **Pike Stockade**, south of Alamosa CO on one snowy day. (See pic in March issue p.4) I've felt the lay of the land from the Sand Dunes to the Stockade as Pike and it makes the route he took sensible. It also makes one feel a sense of the hardships suffered by Pike and his men. I saw where the Spanish took Pike toward San Antonio Mountain in New Mexico through Senator Ken Salazar and Congressman John Salazar's ranches. Imagine that!

- I have looked out over **Cheyenne Bottoms** in Kansas (it was wet in 1806 also and see Feb issue p. 4). Gee, he Robinson and Wilkinson came through here.

-I felt the cold in **South Park** near the former town of Arthurs near



Pike's Arthur campsite- just over center ridge, taken from Reb Mtn near Fairplay CO in South Park CO AV

Fairplay CO where Pike found the headwaters of the South Platte.

- Imagine Pike's feelings when they returned to **Cañon City CO**, when he and Robinson realized on December 21 and 22 that he was standing near the headwaters of the Arkansas (Leadville CO.)

-Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Jr. (the great, great, great grandnephew of Pike) showed me where they **Christmased** near Salida CO. Wonderful- unsalted raw buffalo.

See March issue p. 4.

-I could not find Pike in the **Royal Gorge** as I road down where he climbed up the Gorge's walls, although he is surely remembered there.

See November issue P. 1 for pic of Pike Gulch.

Finally, we stood where Pike first saw the "**small blue cloud**"- Pikes Peak, 200 years to the minute on November 15, 2006 at 2pm. The Santa Fe Trail Association and other groups were dedicating a rock just south of Ft. Lyons (SE of Las Animas CO- see pic on the back of our Membership bouchure and the Nov issue p. 2.) Don Headlee acted the part of Zeb Pike and I had the pleasure of talking with the great grandson of Christopher (Kit) Carson- John Carson- for an hour.

Pike and his men

Dr. Don Jackson, the editor of the highly respected The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike, related his thoughts on "Zebulon Pike's Motley Crew-" or as Pike described them "perfectly capable of getting the job done, but all in all a set of damned rascals!" Jackson emphasized that Pike sympathized with the hardships encountered by his men.

Jackson related facts about the group as a whole-

---He feels that Pike might say to us: " 'I was always thought of as the poor man's Lewis and Clark. President Jefferson barely noticed me,' " and his men.

and what is known about each man

Robinson, Dr John H.---"a Virginia physician" ... "willing prisoner, offered to stay and work for them explore for them " ...

Meek, William E.---"close buddies" with Theodore Miller, who "had been promoted to sergeant when the group was captured by the Spanish and taken to Chihuahua in Mexico." "In the Mexican prison,' after an argument, "Meek killed Pvt. Miller with his bayonet." "Meek was held until 1820 and in 1821 arrived at Fort Smith, Ark, after being released by order of the king of Spain."

Jackson, Jeremiah R.---"After Pike's men built a stockade on the Conejos River,".. he "and four other men were sent back across the Sangre de Cristos to bring in the invalids who had been left behind because they couldn't travel."

Brown, John---"a private in his 50's, had served well on Pike's first expedition." "On the second trip, his courage and strength finally gave out and in the Wet Mountain Valley he complained that this kind of hunger, cold and fatigue was more than a man can stand." "Although Pike sympathized, he couldn't afford to have that kind of talk in camp, so he reprimanded Brown for 'mutinous and seditious language.' After the expedition, Brown deserted the Army."

Carter, Jacob---"about 36 and a carpenter from Columbia, VA, reenlisted in the Army in 1810."

Daugherty, Thomas---"a farmer from Pennsylvania, was disabled by frostbite during that awful winter along the Sangre de Cristos, and had to be left behind for a time and later recovered. He was detained in Chihuahua for two years by the Spanish and was discharged in 1818."

Gordon, William---"... nothing is known of him."

Menaugh, Hugh---"one left behind, alone but with a deposit of supplies, during the crossing of the Sangre de Cristos. He was sent for after the stockade was built and he was able to travel."

Miller, Theodore---"close buddies" with William Meek, who "also had been on the first Pike expedition," "was one of the two privates that Pike chose to go along when he attempted to climb what is now Pikes Peak."

Mountjoy, John---"Still attached to Pike's command in 1808, he was convicted of drunkenness and sentenced to 25 lashes. Pike intervened."

Roy, Alexander---"was on both expeditions and was left behind in Mexico when Pike was escorted home. He didn't get back until 1809."

Smith, Patrick---"was left in Cañon City with Vazquez at a "small base " with "some horses," and "later sent for."

Stout, Freegift---not mentioned

Vasquez, A.F. Baronet---"a young fur trader, was taken along by Pike as an interpreter to the Indians, although his English was poor. ... he was called upon as an interpreter for Pike and his men in prison. After the expedition, Pike recommended his for a commission."

Sparks, John---"with his missing toes is a fitting person with which to conclude this roster" ... "We have seen these soldiers engaged in a great enterprise, with much personal suffering, only to return home and receive no special attention, no grants of land, no lasting fame. Most of them simply dropped out of sight."

Separations

Member	Rank	Responsibility	Dates & Locations of Separations													
			8/28 1806	1/14 1807	1/22 1807	1/27 1807	1/31 1807	2/7 1807	2/18 1807	2/19 1807	2/26 1807	3/27 1807	7/1 1807	After		
Pike, Zebulon Montgomery	Captain	Commander	-	-	-	-	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches LA		
Robinson, Dr John H.	None	Vol Surgeon	Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Santa Fé	Santa Fé	Santa Fé	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	
Meek, William E.	Sergeant		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Rescue	Rescue	Chihuahua?	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	Jailed Mex to 1820 Ft Smith Ark 1821	
Jackson, Jeremiah R.	Corporal		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	head Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	?	
Brown, John	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Carrizal Mex	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches	Deserted Army	
Carter, Jacob	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Chihuahua?	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	Reinlisted 1810	
Daugherty, Thomas	Private	Waiter	Pike	Pike	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Stockade	Stockade	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	2 yr Chihuahua; Discharged 1818	
Gordon, William	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches	?	
Menaugh, Hugh	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Mud Ck	Mud Ck	Mud Creek	Mud Ck	Mud Creek	Rescue?	Stockade	Santa Fé	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches	?
Miller, Theodore	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Rescue	Rescue	deceased	deceased	deceased	
Mountjoy, John	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	w/ Pike 1808 - Pike intervened	
Roy, Alexander	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches	returned 1809	
Smith, Patrick	Private		Pike	Cañon	Cañon	Cañon	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	?	
Sparks, John	Private	Hunter	Pike	Pike	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Stockade	Stockade	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Horn Ck	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	?	
Stout, Freegift	Private		Pike	Pike	Pike	Pike	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Stockade	Santa Fé	Carrizal Mex	Nachitoches	?	
Vasquez, A.F. Baronet	None	Span. Interpreter	Pike	Cañon	Cañon	Cañon	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Cañon City	Chihuahua?	Detained Mex	Pike Recom. commission	
Wilkinson, James B.	Lieutenant	Commander				New Orleans										
Ballenger, Joseph	Sergeant					Wilkinson										
Boley, John	Private					Wilkinson										
Bradley, Samuel	Private					Wilkinson										
Huddleston, Solomon	Private					Wilkinson										
Wilson, John	Private					Wilkinson										
Kennerman, Henry	Coronel	demoted to Private on the Mississippi expedition														Deserted southwest expedition 7/19/1806 Eastern MO; not captured

Join Now!

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell _____

I will be able to help with:

- ____ The Pike Assoc. website
- ____ Historic/heritage investigation
- ____ Providing educational opportunities
- ____ Producing educational materials

I /we will write letters of legislative support Yes ____

email _____ I/we would like to help (Assoc. will contact) Yes ____

(Newsletter is usually sent as email attachment or soon posted on the Website)

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

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