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Seventh Reunion of the Pike Family

In the fall of 1910 the following notice was sent out to all the members of the Pike Family Association to the addresses last known.

Sept. 22nd, 1910.

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:—

Once again as we send you notice of the Biennial Meeting of the Pike Family Association it becomes our sad duty to tell you of the loss of an officer and beloved member of the Association, that of Dr. Clifford L. Pike, our Secretary, whose death occurred at his home in Saco, Me., Sept. 20, 1909.

It has been decided by the Board of Directors to hold the 1910 Reunion at the American House, Boston, Mass., Thursday, October 13th.

The outline of program as arranged by the Committee is as follows:

- 10.00 A. M. Registration, Introduction, and Renewing Acquaintance.
- 2.00 P. M. Regular Business Meeting of the Association, Reports of Committees, Election of Officers, etc.
- 6.30 P. M. Banquet, with music, original poem, and special address.

Price of tickets for the Banquet \$1.50.

It is earnestly desired that all members attend this meeting who can do so. If unable to be present it is es-

pecially requested that you send some word of greeting, and unless you are certain you can attend be sure to send your dues in advance, (see By-Laws Art. I, Sec. 2). There is now about \$600 due from members and if this could be received the work of the Association could be broadened very materially.

Address all communications regarding hotel accommodations to The American House, Boston, Mass. Send dues and letters of greeting to the Assistant Secretary, Pike, N. H.

Please advise promptly whether you expect to be present or not and also state if you desire to have banquet tickets reserved.

FRANCES C. DICKERMAN,

Assistant Secretary.

In response to this call members of the Association gathered at the American House, Boston, Oct. 13th, 1910. The forenoon was devoted to general sociability, settlement of dues, meeting of the Executive Committee, etc. In the afternoon the regular business session was called to order by Herbert A. Pike of Worcester, President. After the invocation by Rev. Clarence Pike (son of Rev. E. B. Pike of Exeter) the President welcomed the members and spoke briefly of the previous Reunion.

The Secretary's Report was then called for and this was read and accepted. This is given in full below:

Secretary's Report

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:—

As I submit to you the report which is to take the place of our Secretary's biennial report I want to speak just a word of appreciation of the enthusiastic and untiring labor of our late Secretary, Dr. Pike. I knew little of Dr.

Pike's life but one could not know him at all without being impressed with his devotion to the Pike Family and his deep interest in the welfare of the Association. We deeply mourn his loss and I am sure we understand his self-sacrificing service for the Pike Family Association as we never did before. The best way we can show this appreciation, and the way which would please him best, is to carry on to complete success the work which he began, finishing the Pike Family History which is so well along, and making the Association the best organization of its kind.

The work of the Association has been somewhat at a standstill during the two years past. Five new members have been added to the rolls since 1908: Miss Florence Bell Ryder, Lawrence, Mass., who joined at the time of the last Reunion, and Mr. Isaac H. Cary, Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Rachel Bond Pike of Worcester, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund F. Chisholm of Winthrop, Mass.

The following members have signified their desire to withdraw from the Association and have paid all dues to date and are therefore entitled to withdraw honorably:

Mrs. Nellie M. Gale, South Berwick, Me.
George E. Greeley, Marlboro, Mass.
John Q. A. Pettengill, Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. John Q. A. Pettengill, Los Angeles, Cal.
Charles W. Pike, South Boston, Mass.
Otto Samuel Pike, Malden, Mass.
George W. Wallace, Salem, Mass.

There are others who have requested that their names be taken from the rolls who have not as yet sent in payment for dues:

Mrs. Willard Carlos Pike, Minneapolis, Minn.
Thomas Allen Perkins, San Francisco, Cal.
Mrs. Edw. J. Brooks, E. Orange, N. J.
Mrs. Francis H. Cobb, Cortland, N. Y.

Mrs. Hannah Abbie Dearborn, Somerville, Mass.
 Mrs. Wm. Auston Smith, Milwaukee, Wis.

The name of Otis William Pike of Antrim, N. H., is dropped at the request of Mrs. Brooks who had his name put on the list originally and has been paying his dues.

It is my sad duty to report the loss of sixteen members by death:

Mrs. Porter S. Boyden, Walpole, Mass.
 Mrs. A. P. Fairfield, E. Danvers, Mass.
 Wm. Clifford Farnsworth.
 Mrs. Jane E. Graves, Newton, Mass.
 Mrs. John A. Hill, Cortland, N. Y.
 Mrs. L. A. Lamson, Middleboro, Mass.
 Charles Pike, Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Dr. Clifford L. Pike, Saco, Me.
 Ellery Clark Pike, Mansfield Center, Conn.
 M. Lena Pike, New Dorchester, Mass.
 Paphro Ditus Pike, Northfield, Vt.
 Mrs. S. F. Pike, Marlboro, Mass.
 Mrs. Hannah Pike Runals, Lynn, Mass.
 Mrs. Sarah Sturdevant, Larned, Kansas.
 Mrs. Alena Pearl Pike Tormey, Buckeye, Wash.
 Mrs. Charles A. Warren, San Francisco, Cal.

(The following lines were written by Dr. Clifford L. Pike:)

Our family circle, which met in the past
 With hands fondly clasped in each other's,
 By death has been broken; and gathered at last,
 In God's mansions, are sisters and brothers.
 Sixteen of our number have gone to the tomb—
 So cold and so silent, without us;
 But their decas remain bright, and their lives re-illumine,
 As memory wraps them about us.

Then gather, oh, friends, their fabric of deeds,
Like a mantle of beauty around us,
Though it dazzle our gaze, by its brightness that leads
To the glories beyond which surround us,
And bid them farewell from a circle, the less,
For what God in His mercy hath taken,
Till we lay it aside for the glorified dress
Of Life in His love to awaken.

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Sturdevant was a niece of Lieut. Zebulon Pike, the discoverer of Pike's Peak and she was brought up by her grandfather, Col. Zebulon Pike of Revolutionary fame. The obituary of Mrs. Sturdevant, which was sent me by her daughter, Mrs. Adams, gives an interesting sketch of the life of this interesting member of our Association, whose long life of usefulness came to an end on her 97th birthday.

There are at this time 247 members in good and regular standing and 433 on the list for non-payment of dues. At first thought this statement may not seem to agree with the last Secretary's report which stated that there were 758 names on the list. This did not take into consideration, however, the loss of about eighty members by death and withdrawal since the organization of the Association.

Just a few words with regard to the members still owing for dues. I wish each one of you would carefully look over the posted list here in the Hall,—first to make sure that your name is not there.

If you do find your name there when you feel sure that you have paid dues to date, please bring your story at once to the Treasurer and we will endeavor to straighten the matter out. And I would ask you to look the list over also in order to advise if you know of any different addresses for the members thereon. Some of the notices sent

to the addresses given have been returned and I do not know how to locate the members.

I am sure that most of the members on the list posted would desire to pay their dues and retain their membership in the Association and I am most unwilling to drop one name, yet, according to the By-Laws of the Association, I shall have to drop all those whose dues to 1909 are not paid within thirty days. I must beg your co-operation if we are to retain these members. If you know any of them personally use your influence in the matter or advise the Secretary how best to reach them. It is not that we are selfishly thinking of the addition to our Treasury, although these delinquent dues when paid will mean about \$600 more with which to carry forward the work, but we are thinking of the individual members personally whom we want to keep with us for the good fellowship of the Family. To avoid the bother of dues I would remind you of the life membership plan by means of which you can pay \$25 and have all the benefits of the Association for the rest of your life without further assessment for dues.

Again, I would try to impress on each one of you, as our late Secretary has endeavored to do at each meeting, that you keep the Secretary informed of any change of address or of any other information which will aid in keeping the records clear and correct.

And let me urge that you, each member, give the Association the benefit of any suggestions that may occur to you that may possibly aid in promoting its success and prosperity. All suggestions submitted will receive due consideration and if they are not always acted upon, do not be discouraged but just keep on sending them and be a "booster" for the Pike Family.

The official badge of the Association, either in the form of pin or stud, can always be procured of the Secretary, also the coat of arms, painted or lithographed, and the coat of arms stationery.

Apologies are due the members for the long delay in getting out the 1908 report. It was expected that the Secretary, Dr. Clifford L. Pike, would look after this matter in due time and therefore nothing was done about getting the reports printed until late in 1909 and there have been numerous delays since. We hope your patience will be rewarded by your receiving the 1910 records very promptly.

I must acknowledge that I have been rather slow in answering letters sometimes that have come to me yet I have given them all attention in due time and am sorry that I could not always reply promptly. I have been encouraged and made glad by enthusiastic, kindly letters and I want you to know that these have been appreciated and my belief in the future prosperity and success of the Association has been strengthened by this evidence of loyalty on the part of the widely scattered members.

Let one and all who can proudly claim possession of a drop of Pike blood strive valiantly to do their part in proving that this stands for nobility of character, loyalty to all that is truest and best, so that the generations to come, looking back upon us of this present day, may rightfully feel proud of the name of Pike. May the Pike Family by giving its full share of service for the advancement of righteousness in the home, the State and the Nation, be entitled to the greatest reward of any family,—the devotion of a glorious posterity worthy of all honor.

The Treasurer's Report was then read as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Oct. 5th, 1910.

To the Pike Family Association:—

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report:

Received for Dues at 1908 Reunion	\$104.25	
4 Badges	2.00	
4 Lithographs	4.00	
Dues paid since 1908 Reunion to Oct. 5th	248.42	
Badges, Lithographs and Station- ery sold since 1908	4.50	
Balance of contributions for Dr. Pike's expenses to Colorado...	12.56	\$375.73
		\$375.73

Expended.

Nov. 30, 1908, Check to Estate of Edwin B. Pike, for balance due on old Account	\$ 23.90	
Nov. 30, 1908, Check to Opinion Press, for printing Reunion Notices....	4.00	
Nov. 30, 1908, Check to E. Bertram Pike for money advanced for postage sending out 1908 notices....	11.00	
Mar. 22, 1909, Check to C. J. Ayer for Treas- urer's Bond, 1909	5.00	
Jan. 7, 1910, Check to C. J. Ayer for Treas- urer's Bond, 1910	5.00	
Apr. 26, 1910, Check to Commonwealth Press for Due Notices and En- velopes	5.50	
Postage, sending out Due No- tices for 1910	10.00	
Stationery and Stamps	2.01	
Express on package from Commonwealth Press, 2, 28, '1065	
Express on Report Envelopes...	.45	
Express on Reunion Notices...	.30	
Stamps for sending out Reunion Notices, 1910	11.50	
Express on Stationery	1.48	\$80.79
		\$80.79

Apr. 26, 1910, Check to Opinion Press for printing Reunion Notices, 1910....\$	3.75	
Check to Wm. Freund & Sons for coat of arms Stationery..	16.25	\$100.79
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On Deposit with Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co., Montpelier, Vt.	262.01	
Cash on hand	11.93	
Stamps.	1.00	\$271.94
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Respectfully submitted,
FRANCES C. DICKERMAN, Treasurer.

By vote of the Association this Report was accepted.

The matter of addresses was at this time brought before the Association by the President. He endeavored to impress upon the members the necessity of keeping the Secretary posted in order that all communications might reach them promptly.

The Election of Officers was next in order and the President appointed the following Nominating Committee:

Miss Laura Bennett.
Frank C. Pike of Keene.
E. N. Pike of Boston.

Also a Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows:

Miss Cora B. Pike.
Mr. E. Y. Pike.
Mr. J. Q. Evans.

Miss Elizabeth Davis reported for the Robert Pike Memorial Committee as follows:

Receipts	\$60.00
Expended	15.00
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On hand in bank.....	\$45.00

At this point the meeting, at the suggestion of the President, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss plans, etc. Mrs. Dr. Clifford Pike was one of the first called on for remarks. In brief Mrs. Pike said that she had never been in close touch with the work and was not in position to say much with regard to the Pike Family Association but expressed her desire and purpose that the work, so far as possible, should be carried on as Dr. Pike wished, and that the Records should be published as he had planned. She said she had part of the records and that they were in very good order but that she did not have all of them. She stated very earnestly that it was her purpose to have the Pike Family History published as Dr. Pike had intended.

The matter of completing and publishing the History was discussed at some length by members in session and different plans were proposed for accomplishing this. Mr. Evans suggested that some one should be secured who for a reasonable compensation would complete the records ready for the printer; said he believed Dr. Pike's work altogether too valuable to be lost. Joseph Trevett Pike of New York suggested that the money be raised by subscription for the publication of this history. No definite plans were decided upon at this time.

The Nominating Committee brought in their report as follows:

For President, Herbert A. Pike of Worcester.

Vice-Presidents, E. Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.; Hon. Leroy Pike, Cornish, Me.; J. Q. Evans, Salisbury, Mass.; William Day Pike, New York; Warner P. Simpson, Columbus, O.; Mrs. Virginia Pike Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Frank C. Pike, Keene, N. H.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Frances C. Dickerman, Pike, N. H.

Directors, (Besides the President, 1st Vice-President and Secretary), Miss Carrie Snow, Newburyport, Mass.; Mrs. Olive C. Lincoln, Boston; Mrs. R. E. Cheney, Newburyport, Mass.; Elbridge N. Pike, Boston.

There was some discussion with regard to the office of Secretary and it was suggested that an Assistant Secretary be appointed to act as Corresponding Secretary. After some discussion the report of the Committee was allowed to stand, it being voted, however, that the President and Secretary be empowered to appoint an Assistant Secretary, if desired, whose duties should be those of Corresponding Secretary.

The oldest member of the Association who was present, Mrs. Elizabeth Wetherbee of Lexington, Mass., eighty-nine years old, responded briefly and pleasantly when called upon for a few remarks.

A number of letters were read from absent members expressing their interest in the Association and their regret at not being able to attend. A few extracts from these letters are given below:

FROM MRS. M. E. BAILEY, TROY, PA.

"It is with sincere regret that I write to say that I can not attend the meeting of the Pike Family Association. I am sure it would be a great pleasure to me to be there. I am 67 years young and look forward to many more years. My great-grandmother Pike was almost one hundred years old when she died. She was a native of Meredith, N. H., and I think most of her life was passed there. Another great-grandmother was 97. Her maiden name was Gilman and she lived in Gilmanton, died at the age of 97, so you see I have some reason to expect more years. Dr. Thomas Chattle, the son of Thomas Chattle and Judith

Gilman, married Nancy Pike, only daughter of William and Phebe Smith Pike (my grandparents) and moved to Orange County, New York. It is said my Grandmother Chattle came all the way on horseback and among the things she brought with her from New Hampshire is a skillet which is still in the possession of one of her descendants. My father's name was William Pike Chattle, so I feel quite closely related to the Pike family.

FROM MRS. S. M. NORTHRUP, DENVER, COL.

"Greetings to the Pike Family Association from one who lives in the State of Colorado and who has lived there since it was a territory. I have often seen the Indian in his blanket roaming over the country, but where once he pitched his tent you will now see fine farms. This transformation was brought about in part through the efforts of our great kinsman, General Zebulon M. Pike, who was my grandfather's brother, as you will see by referring to the records, and by copies of our family records sent the Association. I am proud to have been born a Pike. They are honest, reliable, well educated people. Some of them live in the West and have helped to develop its great industries, though few of them are millionaires.

I trust all loyal Pikes will help to make the Association one of which we may all be proud, whether we find ourselves in the west or the east or in any part of the world. Yours with best wishes for the success of the next meeting."

FROM FREDERIC A. PIKE, ST. PAUL, MINN.

"I have received your circular notice of the pending meeting of the Pike Family Association and do most sincerely regret that I shall be among the absentees again. I remember with a great deal of pleasure, the two occasions

when I found myself in the pleasant group of my kindred, in 1902 and 1906, and I had hoped that I should soon again renew the interesting experience. I chanced to form several acquaintances, in particular, which I highly prize, and I trust that some day I shall meet them again.

With the kindest regards to all my friends in the Association and with earnest wishes for the prosperity of the entire Association, I am, with renewed greetings to all."

The obituary of Mrs. Sarah Wardell Sturdevant was sent the Association by her daughter and this was read at the meeting and is given in this report in full.

Robert Pike of Union, N. H., was mentioned as the oldest member of the Association.

Upon vote of the Association the Secretary was instructed to send letters of greeting to the older members of the Association and in accordance with these instructions letters were sent to Rev. E. B. Pike, of Exeter, Robert Pike, Union, N. H., Bemis Pike, Marshfield, Vt., Mrs. William C. Taylor of Cortland, N. Y., Mrs. Elizabeth T. Richardson, Laramie, Wyo., and Mrs. Adah I. Robinson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Very possibly there are other members as much entitled to be thus remembered, but the Secretary was not posted with regard to their ages.

At this time there was another discussion with regard to possible ways of securing and completing the records and upon motion of the Association the President, Secretary and Mrs. Cora F. Pike were appointed as a Committee to try to work out some plan for the accomplishment of this purpose and were given authority to spend whatever money should be necessary to secure the records,

The next topic of discussion was the reference to the President and Secretary sending letters to members in different States and the President outlined his plan of appointing some member in each State to have a general outlook over the membership of that State, this member to keep in touch with the President and Secretary and endeavor to keep his State membership interested and enthused in the Association work.

There was so much of interest to discuss that it was difficult to close the business meeting in time for preparation for the banquet of the evening. A larger number than usual remained for this banquet and entertainment and all seemed to find the occasion enjoyable enough to repay them for the extra effort.

Mrs. Sarah Sturdevant

Mrs. Sarah Sturdevant died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Adams, Larned, Kansas, Friday morning, April 9th, 1919, on the 97th anniversary of her birth. She was sick but a few days and her death was due principally to her advanced age.

In the death of Mrs. Sturdevant, Larned has lost its oldest citizen in point of age, and one of its oldest settlers. She was a most remarkable woman in many ways besides her extreme age. She had an unusual memory and to the last her recollection of the events of her long life were clear and distinct.

She was born in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana, April 9, 1812, two months prior to the beginning of the second war with Great Britain. Her maiden name was Wardell. Her mother was the daughter of Col. Zebulon Pike, a Revolutionary hero. Her mother's brother

was Lieut. Zebulon Pike, the discoverer of Pike's Peak in Colorado.

She was reared by her grandfather, Col. Pike, who was a staunch patriot and was deeply interested in the political life of the new nation which he helped to wrest from England. As he grew old and infirm it became the duty and pleasure of his young granddaughter to read to him the great political speeches and discussions of the day. In this way she became conversant with public affairs and under his tutelage became an ardent student of politics, and remained so to the time of her death.

The great political speeches of Clay and Webster, and the fierce debates of ante-bellum days were fresh in her memory. But she did not live in the past alone. She had a keen interest in present day politics and read her daily paper. She was a great admirer of Roosevelt, La Follette and of Hadley, whom she knew as a boy in eastern Kansas.

She was married to Rev. Charles Sturdevant May 21, 1835. To this union were born four children, two of whom are now living, Mrs. W. R. Adams of Larned, and Charles Sturdevant of Alva, Okla. Rev. Charles Sturdevant was a Presbyterian minister. After the war he was President of a female seminary at Independence, Mo. In 1850 the family settled at Olathe, Kansas, and in 1856 moved to Larned, which has been the family home since.

Mrs. Sturdevant had lived a full, rounded life, the span of which was so nearly coincident with that of the nation. Her girlhood was spent in the early days of the republic and her last days saw the crowning achievements of our modern civilization. The beginning, growth and developing of the use of steam, electricity and railroads have all passed under her observation.

It was a great pleasure to listen to her stories of the

olden times. As a girl of thirteen, one morning she was standing by the gate in front of her grandfather's home looking toward the steamboat landing on the Ohio river, when she saw two gentlemen approaching up the path to her grandfather's house. They inquired for Col. Pike and she conducted them to her grandfather. One of the gentlemen was the great General Lafayette, who fought so valiantly for the American colonies in the Revolutionary war. It was during the trip to America as the nation's guest in 1824-5 that he called to see his former comrade-in-arms, Colonel Pike.

Programme of the evening's entertainment follows:

Original Poem,	Miss Elizabeth Davis
Irish Love Song	Lang
The Woodpigeon	Lehman
A Bonny Curl	Chadwick
	Miss Marion Spinney
Piano Solo—Polonaise in E Major	Liszt
	Miss Hoblit
Ah, Love but a Day	Beach
Were My Song with Wings Provided	Hahn
	Miss Spinney
Address—The Passion Play of 1910	
	Mr. Albert Edward Bailey

The Reunion of 1910 closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the members joining hands in the Scotch fashion during the singing.

A GREETING.

I'm glad to greet you, kinsfolk, all;
 Familiar faces here I see.
 Tho' some of you I cannot name
 I'm sure that most of you know me.
 The reason why is easy told,
 You are so many, I'm but one;
 And one poor brain is too small to hold
 So many names beneath the sun.
 There's Evans—Clark and Cheney,
 Lincoln, and Wetherbee.
 There's Chandler, French, and German,—
 And then some Smiths, we see.
 There's Jones, and Jenkins—Bennett,
 And Haffenreffer, too!
 And Pikes!—There's Harriet, Frank, Joseph,
 Herbert, Cora, Hugh;
 There's Belmore, and there's Gallond,
 Fernald, Haskell, Gale,
 There's Martin, Cole and Gerrish,
 Brown, Greenleaf, and Hale,
 Fuller, Blood, and Carpenter,
 Child, Draper, and Fairbanks,
 Rice, and Rust, and Sawyer,
 Gray, and Heath, and Poole.
 You see that who can fit these names
 Surely is no fool;
 And in between, and all around,
 The Pikes are scattered freely;
 George Pike, Clarence, Arthur, Eben,
 Elbridge, Charles, and Leslie.

So once again, I greet you!
 By whatever name you're known,
 And by your Pike ancestral blood
 We'll claim you for our own.
 We hope that you will feel so proud
 As your kindred here you greet,
 That you will ne'er forget us,
 But ever with us meet.
 So we'll drink the health, in water,
 To this famed and mighty band,
 And may Pikes dwell forever
 In this fair and happy land.

—Elizabeth Davis.

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