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Pike in the Kansas Flint Hills, 1806

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Description

Zebulon Montgomery Pike was the first U.S. Army explorer to present state of Kansas during his 1806-1807 expedition to the Southwest. Although his primary missions, establishing relations with the Osage Indians, were accomplished in other present-day states, he also found the source of the Red River in southern Nebraska, found the source of the Colorado River in western Missouri, and seek the source of the elusive Red River in Colorado. Pike provided the first published reports on Kansas, the Great Plains.

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