

Calendar

JANUARY

1/1, New Year's Day

FEBRUARY

Black History Month
1/14, Valentine's Day
1/15, Presidents' Day

MARCH

3/8, International Women's Day
3/20, First Day of Spring

APRIL

4/12, 152nd Anniversary of the
Battles of Prairie D'Ane, Moscow,
and Elkins' Ferry
4/22, Earth Day

MAY

Heritage Month
5/2-22, "Foot Soldiers for Freedom"
Exhibit on display at Depot
5/12, Old Mike buried 1975
5/17, Community Coffee, 9:30-11 am
at Depot Museum

JUNE

6/11, Depot's 105th Birthday
6/28, John Teeter Appreciation Day

JULY

7/4, Independence Day

AUGUST

Back to School
8/21, Old Mike found in 1911

SEPTEMBER

Nevada County Fair
9/14, John Teeter Day (John's
Birthday)

OCTOBER

National & Arkansas Archives'
Month
Fall Festival
10/12, Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER

11/24, Thanksgiving Day
11/25, Native American Heritage
Day

DECEMBER

12/25, Christmas Day

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OLD MIKE

What can be said of Prescott's most famous citizen? Still considered one of Arkansas most interesting unsolved mysteries, the mystery of Old Mike continues to astound and bewilder generations of Prescottites even 41 years after he was finally laid to rest. This burial is unique, though research has garnered that he was one of 3 cadavers in similar condition in the state that the Attorney General of Arkansas required to be buried sometime in the seventies.

Though no one knew his real name, he was known about town simply as 'Mike,' and would usually arrive on the 3 o'clock train, then leaving on the same train. Miss O'Hollaran, who owned a hotel and later a bakery, stumbled upon Mike sitting against a large oak tree in City Park on Aug. 21, 1911—the morning following a church revival which was held there. Old Mike was five feet four inches tall, spoke with a slight accent, and walked with crutches, being partially paralyzed on his left side. The official coroner's report listed the cause of death as cerebral hemorrhage, though it was unsure whether this was caused in part by either heart failure or stroke. Considering his partial paralysis, however, it could be surmised that he was already predisposed to having strokes. Some articles report that his hair was brown and others that it was red, the truth probably being that it was a very dark red with mixed tones. Other identifying features included a tattoo featuring a woman on a pedestal, located on his right arm between his elbow and wrist. Though he was believed to be a peddler, his dental work, including two gold teeth, would suggest a man of some means, and the work in question was never identified. This, including his accent, suggests he was of European descent and would explain why no visitors were ever able to identify him as their loved one.

Come see the replica of him now on display at the museum... he's been dying to see you.

~ Ken Petre, Curator