

The Jared Pratt Family Association's
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Jared Pratt Family Association Newsletter

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Pratt Family Update

Finding Parley: Moving Parley by Robert J. Grow

The Family's effort to find and move Apostle Parley P. Pratt's remains from Arkansas to Utah are ongoing. Parley's dying wish was to be buried among the people he loved in Salt Lake City where several of his wives subsequently reserved a place between them in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Legal counsel in Arkansas is preparing the necessary legal documents to seek court approval to move Parley. A team of volunteer archeological experts is preparing a plan to exhume his remains next spring. Our goal is to hold a memorial service and reinter Parley by Memorial Day 2008.

Legal services through October of \$5,092.38 have more than exhausted the contributions generously donated at the reunion in July totaling \$4,175. (We are now in need

of the additional approximately \$3,000 committed to be contributed at the reunion.) Funds are also needed for the following: completing the legal steps; disinterring and reintering Parley's remains with the assistance of reputable mortuaries in Arkansas and Utah; restoring and improving the Arkansas monument site; holding the memorial service; and preparing and upgrading Parley's family site in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. We currently estimate that these efforts may cost in excess of an additional \$30,000 or perhaps more. (All family members involved in this process are donating their time and expenses to his effort.) If you would like to help, or have previously committed to make a contribution, please send your tax deductible donation made out to "Family Research Projects" and designated for "Parley P. Pratt memorial fund" to the Jared Pratt Family Association, 9767 Little Cottonwood Place,

Sandy, UT 84092.

We remain dedicated to fulfilling Parley's final request in a careful, cautious, and reverential manner. Thank you for your support.

Forthcoming Biography of Parley P. Pratt

Terryl Givens and Matt Grow are collaborating on a biography of Parley P. Pratt which they intend to publish with Oxford University Press. Their biography will narrate Parley's life and situate him in the intellectual, cultural, and religious contexts of the nineteenth century. They need our help to make this the most complete and accurate biography of Parley possible. It is likely that many records pertaining to Parley are still in the hands of his descendants. If you own or know of any such records—letters, journals, or other accounts written by Parley, his wives or children, or

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