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RESOLVED, that the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, N.Y., convey the church and land upon which it stands to the New York State Convention of Universalists, with the understanding that should religious services be suspended for a period of five (5) years, the said church and land upon which it stands, to ~~be~~ ^{be deeded} to the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association, Incorporated.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the parish be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute all deeds or other necessary papers or conveyances to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The vote on this resolution was yes 6 no X .
The number of those present at the meeting was 6 .

Earle M. Rising

Chas Scott

Trustees

Bridgewater
Church
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Mr. *H. A. Palmer* seconded by Mr. *Chas. Scott*

RESOLVED that all land not occupied by the church building be deeded to the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association, Incorporated. This includes land now occupied for a cemetery and a lot west of cemetery and south of church building. It is recommended that the sheds now located on said lot be sold and the proceeds used for leveling to correspond with cemetery.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the parish be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute all deeds or other necessary papers or conveyances to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The vote on this resolution was yes 6 no X
The number of those present at the meeting was 6

Earl W. Rising
Chas. Scott

Trustees

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF
BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.

November 22nd, 1926.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Universalist Society of Bridgewater, N. Y. was held at the residence of Mr. E. M. Rising in the Village of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y. on the evening of November 22nd, 1926 at 8:15 o'clock P.M. There were present the following trustees;

1. Anna F. Rising.
2. Earl M. Rising.
3. Giles F. Scott,
and
4. Charles T. Scott.

constituting a quorum of said Board. A waiver of notice of meeting was presented and ordered placed on file. Mr. Giles Scott presented the following resolution to the meeting:

RESOLVED, That this Board of Trustees hereby authorize the sale by this parish of all its real property, except its parsonage, to the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and the further consideration that the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association shall immediately lease the portion of the said property suitable for use for church purposes to this organization for a period of 25 years at a yearly rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year with the right of renewing the said lease for a similar length of time and at a similar rental, provided, however, that if during that period church services shall be discontinued in the said church for more than five years at any given time, the said Cemetery Association shall have the right to reenter the property and oust this organization and shall thereafter be entitled to the full use and occupation of the said property forever.

It is further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the parish be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute all deeds, bills of sale or other necessary papers or conveyances to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Earl M. Rising and after discussion was unanimously adopted. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Clerk.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

November 22nd, 1926

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association was held at the residence of Mr. E. M. Rising in the Village of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y. on November 22nd, 1926 at 8:45 o'clock P.M. There were present the following trustees:

1. George H. Greenman,
2. Giles Scott,
and
3. Anna F. Rising.

A waiver of notice of the meeting was presented and ordered placed on file. Mr. Greenman made the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Bridgewater Cemetery Association lease that portion of the property to be received from the First Universalist Society of Bridgewater, N. Y., on which the Universalist church itself stands, to the said Universalist Society for a period of 25 years at a yearly rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year with a right of renewing the said lease for a similar length of time and at a similar rental, provided, however, that if during that period church services shall be discontinued in the said church for more than five years at any given time, the said Cemetery Association shall have the right to re-enter the property and oust the Universalist Society and shall thereafter be entitled to the full use and occupation of the said property forever.

It is further

RESOLVED, That the President of this Association be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute all leases or other necessary papers to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Scott and after discussion was unanimously carried. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Clerk.

THIS INDENTURE, Made the 21st day of December, , in the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six, between

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.,

a religious corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, party of the first part, and

THE BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION,

a cemetery corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, party of the second part.

WHEREAS, the party of the first part, at a meeting of the parish, held in the Village of Bridgewater, N. Y., pursuant to a public notice duly posted more than ten days prior to said meeting, the object, time and place of such meeting being distinctly stated in said notice, the members of said party of the first part duly consented to the conveyance of the real estate hereinafter described, and duly authorized and directed its trustees to make application to the court to convey the same, and

WHEREAS, the said trustees have authorized a conveyance of said real estate by a vote of at least two-thirds of its trustees, at a meeting thereof, duly called and held; and

WHEREAS, upon the petition of said trustees pursuant to such authorization, an order of the County Court was duly made permitting the party of the first part to convey said real estate.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, pursuant to the provisions of said order, and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of

the United States, and other good and valuable consideration paid by the party of the second part, does hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part and its successors and assigns forever,

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Town, County and State aforesaid, bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at the southeast corner of the Horse shed near the Universalist Meeting House in the Village of Bridgewater, running eastwardly 6 rods and 3 links, thence northwardly 8 rods and 18 links, thence westwardly 5 rods and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ links, thence southwardly on and parallel with the east side of the said Horse shed 8 rods and 9 links to the place of beginning. It is intended to convey all the lands now enclosed by a post and board fence and laid out and fenced and is intended to be for a public cemetery or burial place and is to be kept and used for that purpose alone and is not to be used or occupied for any other purposes whatever, either by the parties of the second part or their successors in office or by any other person or persons.

Being the same premises conveyed by Theodore Page of the Town of Bridgewater to Oliver Corbett, Garret Scott, George M. Palmer, Leon Scott Jr. and James Thorn as trustees of the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, by warranty deed dated January 3rd, 1845, and recorded in the Oneida County Clerk's Office November 28th, 1881, in Book of Deeds 409 pages 43 and 45.

ALSO, ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows, situate and lying in the Village of Bridgewater, commencing in the center of the road leading south from the Village of Bridgewater at a point 2 chains 33 links from the north line of said Page's or Smith farm, L. Bostwicks land, thence running in the center of the road south 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west 2 chains 20 links to a point which is north 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west 45 links from a wild Poplar tree, thence south 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. east one chain 45 links to a stile, thence north 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. east 2 chains 20 links to a large stone, thence north 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west one chain 45 links to the place of beginning, containing 51 $\frac{1}{25}$ rods of land, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto, belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the right, title, interest of the said party of the first part of, in and to the above bargained premises with the said hereditaments and appurtenances to have and to hold the above granted, bargained and described premises unto the said parties of the second part for the sole and only proper purpose and object of erecting and continuing thereon a house for public worship to be used and occupied as such and for no other purpose.

Being the same premises conveyed by Theodore Page of the Town of Bridgewater to the First Universalist Society in the Town of Bridgewater, by warranty deed dated February 19th, 1834, and recorded in the Oneida

County Clerk's Office November 28th, 1891, in Book of Deeds 409, pages 43 and 44.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said First Universalist Society of Bridgewater, N. Y., has caused these presents to be signed, sealed, executed, acknowledged and delivered in its name and behalf by Giles F. Scott, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF
BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.

By Giles F. Scott
Chairman of the Board of
Trustees.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS
County of Oneida)

On this day of December, 1926, before me personally came Giles F. Scott, to me known, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he resided in the village of Bridgewater, Oneida County, New York; that he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF BRIDGEWATER, N. Y., the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that the said corporation has no corporate seal, and that he signed his name thereto by order of the Board of Trustees of said corporation.

sgd. L. W. FERRIS.
Notary Public, Oneida Co.,
N. Y.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF
BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.

to

THE BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE CEM-
ETERY ASSOCIATION.

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Dated, *Dec. 21*, 1926.

DUNMORE, FERRIS & DEWEY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
UTICA, N. Y.

COUNTY COURT COUNTY OF ONEIDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF THE
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.
TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE.

TO THE COUNTY COURT OF ONEIDA COUNTY:

The petition of the above named corporation respectfully shows:

FIRST - That its name is FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N. Y.; that its trustees are five in number, to wit: Anna F. Rising, Earl M. Rising, Giles Scott, Charles Scott and H. A. Palmer, all residing in the Town of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y.; that the said Giles Scott is Chairman of the said Board of Trustees and the President of your petitioner; E. M. Rising is Treasurer and Anna F. Rising is Clerk, and that all of them reside in the Town of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y.

SECOND - That your petitioner is a corporation duly incorporated under Chapter 60 of the Laws of 1813 of the State of New York, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation of Religious Societies"; that its certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of the Clerk of Oneida County on August 20, 1833, and recorded in Liber 1, Religious Associations at page 109; and that the objects for which your petitioner was formed were religious namely to promote the interests of religion and morality among its members and in the community where it exists and to advance the cause of Universalism.

THIRD - That the real property which the said corporation desires to convey is situated in the Village of Bridgewater, Coun-

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ty of Oneida, and is bounded and described as follows:

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Town, County and State aforesaid, bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at the southeast corner of the Horse shed near the Universalist Meeting House in the Village of Bridgewater, running eastwardly 6 rods and 8 links, thence northwardly 8 rods and 12 links, thence westwardly 5 rods and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ links, thence southwardly on and parallel with the east side of the said Horse shed 8 rods and 9 links to the place of beginning. It is intended to convey all the lands now enclosed by a post and board fence and laid out and fenced and is intended to be for a public cemetery or burial place and is to be kept and used for that purpose alone and is not to be used or occupied for any other purposes whatever, either by the parties of the second part or their successors in office or by any other person or persons.

Being the same premises conveyed by Theodore Page of the Town of Bridgewater to Oliver Corbett, Garret Scott, George W. Palmer, Amos Scott Jr. and James Thorn as trustees of the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, by warranty deed dated January 3rd, 1845, and recorded in the Oneida County Clerk's Office November 28th, 1881, in Book of Deeds 409 pages 42 and 43.

ALSO, ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows, situate and lying in the Village of Bridgewater, commencing in the center of the road leading south from the Village of Bridgewater at a point 2 chains 33 links from the north line of said Page's or Smith farm, L. Bostwicks land, thence running in the center of the road south 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west 2 chains 20 links to a point which is north 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west 45 links from a wild Poplar tree, thence south 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. east one chain 45 links to a stake, thence north 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. east 2 chains 20 links to a large stone, thence north 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. west one chain 45 links to the place of beginning, containing 51 $\frac{1}{25}$ rods of land, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto, belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the right, title, interest of the said party of the first part of, in and to the above bargained premises with the said hereditaments and appurtenances to have and to hold the above granted, bargained and described premises unto the said parties of the second part for the sole and only proper purpose and object of erecting and continuing thereon a house for public worship to be used and occupied as such and for no other purpose.

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FOURTH - That the interest of said religious corporation will be promoted by a conveyance of this parcel of land for the following reasons: The parish of your petitioner has continued to dwindle until now there are only a very few members thereof, the finances are growing smaller and smaller and the income is less every year. Your petitioner fears that it may not be able to meet the necessary expenses for the upkeep of its real estate. The Bridgewater Cemetery Association, to which your petitioner desires to transfer the property, is already paying for the upkeep of some of it and has enough funds in a permanent trust to keep up both parcels of property, and is willing to lease the property which your petitioner needs for its church purposes to your petitioner for a period of 25 years at a yearly rental of \$1.00 per year with a right of renewal for a similar period and on similar terms at the end of that period, but on a condition however, that if religious services are not conducted in the church on the property involved, the said Bridgewater Cemetery Association shall have the right to cancel the lease and reenter the premises and thereafter use the premises for its own purposes entirely.

FIFTH - That such conveyance has been authorized by a majority vote of your petitioner obtained at a regular society meeting held at the home of Mr. E. M. Rising on the 22nd day of November, 1926, at 8:15 o'clock P. M., after a public typewritten notice signed by the clerk of your petitioner, specifying the place of meeting and time thereof, had been posted in conspicuous places in the vicinity where your petitioner is situated, for more than ten days prior to the time of said meeting; a copy of which resolution is hereunto annexed; that such conveyance has been authorized by a vote of at least two-thirds of the trustees of your petitioner at a meeting thereof, duly called and held; a copy of which resolution, granting such authority is hereunto annexed.

SIXTH - That your petitioner has other real property of the total cash value of at least One Thousand Dollars, and

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that the cash value of the personal assets of your petitioner is at least One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) and that the total amount of its debts and liabilities does not exceed the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.) of which amount none is secured.

SEVENTH - No money will be realized from said conveyance.

EIGHTH - Your petitioner therefore asks authority of this court to convey the real estate herein described to the Bridgewater Cemetery Association for a consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration.

First Universalist Society of the
Town of Bridgewater, N. Y., Petitioner,

By Giles F. Scott
President.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : SS
County of Oneida)

GILES F. SCOTT, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the President of the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, N. Y., the petitioner in the above proceeding; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 22nd day
of November, 1926.

Giles F. Scott

sgd. L. W. FERRIS.

Notary Public, Oneida County, N. Y.

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At a special meeting of the parish of the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, N. Y., held in the Village of Bridgewater, N. Y., on the evening of November 22nd, 1926, due notice thereof having been legally given stating that the object of the meeting was to consider transferring all the real property of the parish to The Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association. The following resolution was made by Mr. Giles Scott and seconded by Mrs. Anna Rising:

RESOLVED, That the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, N. Y. convey all of its real property, except its parsonage, to The Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association for a consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration and for the further consideration that the said Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association shall immediately lease the portion of the said property suitable for use for church purposes to this organization for a period of 25 years at a yearly rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year with the right of renewing the said lease for a similar length of time and at a similar rental, provided, however, that if during that period church services shall be discontinued in the said church for more than five years at any given time, the said Cemetery Association shall have the right to reenter the property and oust this organization and shall thereafter be entitled to the full use and occupation of the said property forever.

It is further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the parish be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute all deeds, bills of sale or other necessary papers or conveyances to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The vote on this resolution was unanimously in favor thereof. The number of those present at the meeting was more than a quorum.

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Universalist Society of the Town of Bridgewater, N. Y., duly called and held on the 22nd day of November, 1926, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Giles Scott, seconded by Mrs. Earl Rising, more than two-thirds of said trustees being present and voting thereon, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Board of Trustees hereby authorize the sale by this parish of all its real property, except its parsonage, to the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and the further consideration that the Bridgewater Village Cemetery Association shall immediately lease the portion of the said property suitable for use for church purposes to this organization for a period of 25 years at a yearly rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year with the right of renewing the said lease for a similar length of time and at a similar rental, provided, however, that if during that period church services shall be discontinued in the said church for more than five years at any given time, the said Cemetery Association shall have the right to reenter the property and oust this organization and shall thereafter be entitled to the full use and occupation of the said property forever.

It is further

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State of New York
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLI-
CATION OF
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,
N. Y.
TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE.

Copy PETITION.

DUNMORE, FERRIS & DEWEY

Attorneys for...Petitioner.....

Office and P. O. Address
~~Homestead Aid Building~~
UTICA, N. Y.
First National Bank Bldg.

Due and personal service of.....

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the notice hereon endorsed, is admitted
this.....day of....., 192..

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Attorneys for.....

Sir : Take notice of.....
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the.....day of....., 192..
and duly entered in the office of the
Clerk of the County of.....
on the.....day of....., 192..
Dated, Utica, N. Y....., 192..

DUNMORE, FERRIS & DEWEY

Attorneys for.....

Office and P. O. Address
Homestead Aid Building,
UTICA, N. Y.

To

Attorney for.....

State of New York }
COUNTY OF ONEIDA, } SS.
OF

.....being duly sworn
deposes and says that he is.....in this action; that he has
.....read the foregoing.....and knows the contents
thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on infor-
mation and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Sworn to before me this..... }
day of....., 19.... }

Notary Public,
Oneida Co., N. Y.

Court,

against

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

State of New York }
COUNTY OF ONEIDA, } SS.
OF

.....being duly sworn, deposes and says that he served
the foregoing.....upon the following named

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by delivering to and leaving with.....personally a true copy thereof,
and deponent further says that he knew the person so served to be the same person mentioned and described in the said
.....as.....therein, and that at the time of
making such service deponent was over twenty-one years of age.

Sworn to before me this..... }
day of....., 19.... }

Notary Public,
Oneida Co., N. Y.