

Universalist Congregations in St. Lawrence Co. NY

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Canton	First Univ. Soc. in the town of Canton; later Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton	incorp. 10 Mar 1836 (St. Lawrence Co. Rel. Incorpor. 1:96); name change; date unknown but after 1961; no court record found	This is an active congregation	Their current church was dedicated in 1897 (church website).
Colton	First Universalist Society of the town of Colton	incorp. on 15 Dec 1851 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2: 134)		A new church was built in 1853. In 1864 it was sold to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. (<i>Courier & Freeman</i> , Potsdam NY, 13 Mar 1958). In Aug 2004 the building, on Riverside Drive, housed the Northwood Gallery.
DeKalb		org. by 25 Jun 1851, when it sent a delegate to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 19 Jul 1851)		
DePeyster		org. by 25 Nov 1829, when its formation was reported (<i>Evangelical Magazine</i> , Utica NY, 5 Dec 1829)		The congregation had a church completed by Mar 1831. (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 19 Mar 1831)

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Edwards	Edwards Union Church	incorp. on 25 Mar 1873 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:323, 348)	By the end of 1961 no services had been held for over 5 years. (NYSCU files)	Originally the congregation had property co-owned with four other denominations. In 4 Mar 1907 the Methodists conveyed a quitclaim deed for their share. (St. Lawrence Co. grantee deeds 152C: 1750.) On 29 Dec 1948 the back portion of the lot was conveyed to the Edwards Fire Department. (St. Lawrence Co. 469: 293). By 21 Feb 1964 the remainder of the property had been deeded to the Volunteer Firemen, Inc. (NYSCU files). The building was eventually demolished.
Fowler (Hailesborough)	Universalist Union Society of Hailesborough	incorp. on 3 Jan 1861 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Incorporations 2: 218-9)		
Fowler (Little York)	incorporated as Little York Universalist Society	in existence by 27 Jun 1838, when it was admitted to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 3 Aug 1838). Incorp. on 22 Mar 1841 (St. Lawrence Religious Corporations, 2: 4)		
Gouverneur and Hailesborough	First Universalist Society of Gouverneur and Hailesborough	incorp. on 27 Jan 1849 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2: 88)		

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Gouverneur		incorp. on 3 Jan 1861 (St. Lawrence Religious Incorporations 2:218)		A newly constructed union church dedicated on 9 Jan 1861 in which Universalists had about 75% ownership. (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 26 Jan 1861). A church was sold in 1931 by the Convention. (NYSCU Parish Roll)
Hammond & Rossie	First Universalist Society of Hammond and Rossie	org. on 6 Dec 1834 (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 25 Apr 1835); incorp. on 20 Mar 1856 (St. Lawrence Religious Corporations 2: 220)		
Hammond (Black Lake)	First Universalist Society in the town of Hammond	incorp. on 5 Apr 1870 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2: 303)	apparently by 1911, when church and parsonage were acquired by quitclaim deed from Festus and Catharine Franklin (NYSCU files)	A new church was dedicated on 27 Oct 1870, per <i>Daily Times</i> , Watertown, 2 Nov 1870. The Convention acquired their church on 5 Jan 1911. (<i>The Convention at Work</i> : Oct. 1911, p. 334 and <i>Empire State Universalist, Oct 1913</i>). It was sold in 1918 to Rev. Selleck. (NYSCU Parish Roll). Later it became known as Knox Hall. The local school then used it for a gymnasium and held their graduation exercises, etc., there. After a new school was built in the 1960's the property was bought by Ed and Joan Hadlock, President and Secretary, respectively, of the local historical society. In Aug 2004 they were using the building as a storehouse. (Karen Dau, courtesy of Stuart Casanova)

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Hermon		incorp. on 8 Mar 1858 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2: 173)		In 1879 "Senator Lynde" presented the society with a lot on which it planned to build a church. (<i>Lowville Times</i> , Lowville NY, 11 Sep 1879).
Lawrence (Lawrenceville)		in existence by 25 Jun 1851, when it sent a delegate to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 19 Jul 1851)		
Lawrence (North Lawrence)		in existence by 12 Jun 1872, when it was admitted to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (minutes of St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists)		
Lawrence (Nicholville)	First Universalist Society of Hopkinton and Lawrence	in existence by "26th ult., probably 26 Feb" 1830. (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 27 Mar 1830). Officially org. in 1840 (<i>Courier & Freeman</i> , Potsdam NY, 31 Jul 1958). No court incorp. record found.	After 1913, when it was still a member of the Convention.	A church was built in 1853 (<i>Courier & Freeman</i> , Potsdam NY, 13 Mar 1958).
Louisville		in existence by 27 Jun 1855, when it was admitted to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 14 Jul 1855)		
Madrid (Columbia)	First Universalist Society of Madrid	An early society was established in 1814. (B. Hough, <u>A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties</u> , Albany: 1853, p. 346). A society was incorporated on 30 Mar 1841 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious		A church was dedicated 14 Sep 1843. (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 20 Oct 1843). It was reported sold in the NYSCU board minutes of 2 Jul 1896. In 1901 it was in use by E.A. Horton of the Watertown Carriage Co. as a repository for

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		Corporations 2:3). Apparently a re-organization occurred on 7 Mar 1852. (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 8 May 1852)		wagons & sleighs. (Watertown Times, 23 Nov. 1901
Massena	First Universalist Society of Massena	in existence by 25 Nov 1829, when its formation was reported (<i>Evangelical Magazine</i> , Utica NY, 5 Dec 1829); incorp. on 21 Sep 1835 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Incorporations 1: 97)		
Massena	First Universalist Church of Massena	incorp. on 12 Nov 1900 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Incorporations 2: 110)		A new church was to be dedicated on 3 May 1903 per <i>Ogdensburg News</i> , 1 May 1903. A church on W. Orvis and Andrews Sts. was sold in 1924 to the Maccabees organization (<i>Courier & Freeman</i> , Potsdam NY, 12 Nov 1924) and by 14 Apr 1925 to the Odd Fellows, per NYSCU board minutes of that date. Sometime before 1940 an Arco service station was built on the location. (<i>Massena Observer</i> , Massena NY,, Thu. 13 Jun 1974)
Morristown		An early society was in existence by 28 Jun 1843, when it was admitted to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 14 Jul 1843).		
Morristown	First Universalist Society of Morrystown and Macomb	incorp. on 26 Mar 1856 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:152) where is this document?		

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Morristown (Brier Hill)	First Universalist Society of Brier Hill	incorp. on 14 Feb 1859 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:176)	declared extinct on 18 Sep 1900 per NYSCU board minutes	A newly constructed church was dedicated on 6 Jun 1860. (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 30 Jun 1860). The church was sold by 10 Sep 1903 when the sale proceeds were listed in the NYSCU Treasurer's report.
Norfolk		in existence by Jun 1831, when it was admitted to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 27 Sep 1831)		
Oswegatchie (Black Lake)	First Universalist Society of Black Lake	in existence by 1885; revived in 1916 after a period of dormancy (NYSCU Parish Roll and files)	declared extinct on 5 Oct 1932 (NYSCU Board minutes)	The society had a church by Sep 1885, when the St. Lawrence As'n. met there, per As'n. minutes. The church was sold in 1932 to Willis Von Schaik, owner of the land it was built on. (NYSCU Board minutes, 5 Apr and 5 Oct 1932)
Oswegatchie (Heuvelton)	First Universalist Society in the Town of Oswegatchie	incorp. on 23 Feb 1840 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:33)		The Society had a church by 29 Jan 1844, when they met there for incorporation. (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 7 Oct 1854)
Oswegatchie (Heuvelton)	First Universalist Society in the Town of Oswegatchie	re-incorp. on 29 Jan 1844 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:43)	prob. by 1881, when their building was sold to St. Raphael's Catholic Church	In 1852 the society purchased a wooden church 54x36 feet, originally built by the Episcopal congregation. It was located on the NE corner of Clinton & State Sts. On 7 Jul 1881 this building was sold to St. Raphael's Catholic Church for \$1,000. (<i>Advance-News</i> , Heuvelton NY, 8 May 1955)
Oswegatchie (Ogdensburg)	First Universalist Society in the Village of	incorp. on 11 Apr 1842 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:18)		

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	Ogdensburg			
Oswegatchie (Ogdensburg)	First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg	incorp. on 7 Dec 1895 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 3:10)		
Oswegatchie (Ogdensburg)	First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg	incorp. on 26 Oct 1907 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 3:55)	In a NYSCU conveyance deed dated 7 May 1924, the congregation was referenced as extinct. (St. Lawrence Co. grantor deeds Book 220 P.307).	The congregation had a church in 1905 (NYSCU Parish Roll). It was sold by 8 Apr 1924 per NYSCU board minutes of that date.
Parishville		in existence by 25 Jun 1851, when it sent a delegate to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 19 Jul 1851)		
Pierrerpont		in existence by 25 Jun 1851, when it sent a delegate to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 19 Jul 1851)		
Potsdam	First Universalist Church of Potsdam	first org. on 6 Jan 1825 (F. B. Hough, <u>A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties</u> , Albany: 1853, p. 445); incorp. on 2 Oct 1825 St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 1: 30). Reorganized 17	declared extinct on 21 Jun 1941 per NYSCU board minutes of that date	Construction of a meeting house began in Mar 1831 (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 16 Apr 1831); dedication on 19 Sep 1839 (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 22 Nov 1839). This church burned on 18 May

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		Jan 1852 (F. B. Hough, p. 445). Reincorporated on 3 Jun 1884 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:395)		1857 (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 30 May 1857). A new church was completed and dedicated in 1877, per <i>Morning Herald</i> , Utica NY, 5 Jul 1877. In 1934 this building was given to the town for a library. (NYSCU Parish Roll) As of Aug 2008 this lovely Potsdam sandstone building was in use as the town's museum. (Karen Dau)
Rossie (Somerville)	First Universalist Society in Somerville	incorp. on 20 Aug 1842 (St. Lawrence Co. Religious Corporations 2:23 and F. B. Hough, <u><i>A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties</i></u> , Albany: 1853, p. 467)	declared extinct by NYSCU circular letter vote 27 Jul 1899	A newly built church was dedicated on "the 13th inst.," probably 13 Jan 1847. (<i>Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate</i> , Utica NY, 29 Jan 1847)
Stockholm (Winthrop)	First Universalist Parish of Stockholm	in existence by 25 Jun 1851, when it sent a delegate to the St. Lawrence As'n. of Universalists (<i>Christian Ambassador</i> , Auburn NY, 19 Jul 1851)	closed in 1943 (<i>Courier & Freeman</i> , Potsdam NY, 14 Jun 1977)	A new church was dedicated on 6 Sep 1888 (<i>Norwood News</i> , Norwood NY, 11 Sep 1888). It was sold to the American Legion in 1946. (NYSCU Parish Roll). In Aug 2004 it was still in their ownership.