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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

September 8, 1939

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New York State Convention
of Universalists

& Truman O. Moore
Natural Bridge, N.Y.

The New York State Convention of Universalists hereby agrees to sell the building known as the Universalist church in Natural Bridge, N.Y., to Truman O. Moore of Natural Bridge, N.Y., for the sum of fifty dollars, \$50.00, on condition that he will remove from the land occupied by the building known as the Universalist church in Natural Bridge, N.Y., all building material and shall leave the said land and lot in a leveled condition which shall not be an objectionable sight to the neighboring property-owners.

Signed : *Louis Annin Ames* President
Fay Parsons Treasurer
Fred C. Leining Secretary

Mr. Moore's signature

Truman O. Moore

Date *9/15/39*

SEP 22 1939

Received \$50. as per above,

Fay Parsons
Treasurer

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Church shall be All Souls-Unitarian-Universalist.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Church shall be united thought and action in the study and practice of Christianity.

Alternative 1. The object of this Church shall be to maintain regular services of Christian worship in this community and to upbuild in the hearts of its people the ideals of a reasonable and exalting religion.

Alternative 2. The purpose of this Church shall be the establishment and maintenance of the worship of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Alternative 3. The object of this Church is set forth in its Covenant: In the love of God and the spirit of Jesus Christ we unite for the worship of God and the service of man.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWSHIP

Section 1. This Church recognizes its allegiance to and fellowship in the Universalist General Convention, the American Unitarian Association and any of their subordinate bodies which may have jurisdiction in the locality in which the Church exists.

Section 2. One or more missionary offerings shall be taken each year for the work of the Universalist General Convention and the American Unitarian Association and the amounts received shall be divided equally between these two bodies. All other missionary offerings, unless otherwise provided for, shall be equally divided between the two denominations.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

Any person of the age of eighteen years or upwards who is in sympathy with the purpose of this Church and whose name has been approved by the Membership Committee, may become a member upon assenting to the Covenant and

signing the Constitution, but the right to vote at business meetings shall be limited to members who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who are registered contributors to the support of the Church.

ARTICLE V. MINISTER

The Minister shall be chosen, and his salary determined, by vote of the qualified members of the Church present and voting at an annual or special meeting called for the purpose. He shall continue in service as long as he and the Church shall mutually agree. He shall have control of the pulpit and of such other activities as the Church or its Standing Committee shall from time to time determine, and shall perform the duties usually incumbent upon his office.

ARTICLE VI.

The Christian Ordinances shall be administered to all who desire them.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The administration of the Church shall be in the hands of a Standing Committee or Board of Trustees of nine members, from whom shall be chosen by their associates a President, a Clerk and a Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Three members of the Standing Committee shall be elected each year, and shall hold office for three years. Vacancies in the Standing Committee may be filled at any meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE OR TRUSTEES.

The Standing Committee shall have general oversight and management of all the affairs and properties of the Church. It shall annually appoint, before the annual meeting, two auditors to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and these auditors shall make a report of their findings at the annual meeting. It shall have power to appoint Committees on Church School, Music, Hospitality, Missions, and other Church activities.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (I understand the law of New York provides that the minister shall preside.)

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Standing Committee of and/the Church. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Church and keep an accurate list of its members. He shall have custody of all papers and documents belonging to the Church and perform such other duties as may naturally belong to his office. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the Church and shall pay such bills as shall be approved by the Standing Committee. He shall keep a true account of all moneys received and disbursed by him on account of the church and shall render a report thereof at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

There shall be a Membership Committee consisting of the Minister, Clerk, and three members of the Church to be annually appointed by the Standing Committee. This Committee shall pass upon all applications for membership in the Church and shall report at the annual meeting the names of members who through resignation or removal without resignation or otherwise have ceased to act as members of the society. The names of such members may then be dropped from the rolls of the Church.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Church shall be held at such time in March or April and at such place as the Standing Committee shall designate. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and no proxies shall be recognized.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any annual meeting of the Church by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that notice of the proposed change has been included in the call to the meeting.

Church
Constitution

Natural Bridge

THIS INDENTURE, Made this Twenty Second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy Between CHESTER ANDRUS and LOUISA ANDRUS his wife of the Town of Wilna County of Jefferson and State of New York of the first part, and DAVID POOL and CHARLES H. STARKEY acting Trustees and their successors for the benefit of the Universalists and those that donated towards the building a church thereon of the second part

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Sixty Dollars to them duly paid, hath sold, and by these Presents doth grant and convey to the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns,

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the VILLAGE OF NATURAL BRIDGE, town of Wilna, County of Jefferson and State of New York and is described as follows viz Beginning twenty one feet south east from the south east corner of the Main body of the Universalist Church from thence running west six rods thence north four rods thence east six rods and from thence south four rods to the place of beginning and containing twenty four square rods it was understood between the party of the first part here above that if the Universalist would erect a suitable church that they the first part would give a deed of the land. Therefore this is for the benefit of the Universalist and those that contributed to said erection.

With the appurtenances and all the Estate, Title and Interest therein of the said party of the first part. And the said Chester Andrus and Loisa Andrus doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that the premises thus conveyed in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns they will forever warrant and defend against any person whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

50 cent stamp Aff & Can

CHESTER ANDRUS (L.S.)

C.A. 22 Decr 1870

LOUISA ANDRUS (L.S.)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

On this 22d day of December in the year one thousand

eight hundred and seventy before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Chester Andrus and Louisa Andrus his wife of Wilna County of Jefferson N.Y. to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same. And the said Louisa Andrus on a private examination by me, apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she executed the same freely, and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband.

Simeon Fulton Notary Public

A true copy of the original.

Recorded July 17th 1873 at 9 o'clock A.M.

J. Stears Jr. Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Jefferson County Clerk's Office } ss.

I, FRED H. MOORE, County Clerk of the County of Jefferson,
and Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts in and for said County,
the same being Courts of Records, do hereby certify that I have com-
pared the foregoing copy of Deed

Chester Andrus & ano -to- David Pool & ancas
Acting Trs.
hereunto annexed with the original recorded July 17, 1873
at 9 A. M. in Liber 195 of Deeds at page 555

in this office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript thereof
and of the whole of said original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Courts, at the City of Watertown, N.Y., this 12th
day of May 19 38.

Fred H. Moore CLERK.
By *Edith H. Steen* DEPUTY CLERK.

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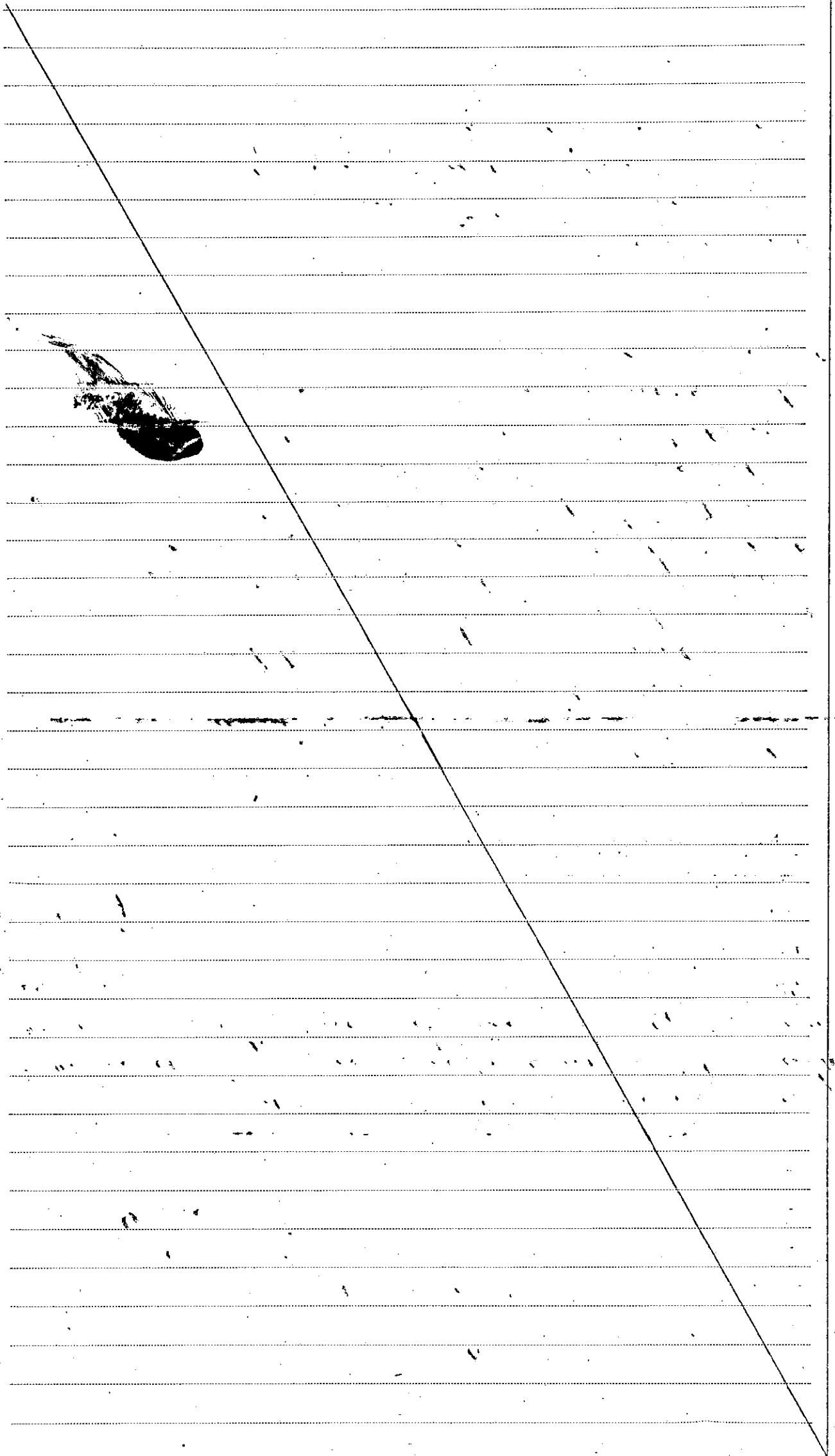
This Indenture, Made this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight Between Louisa Andrews of the Town of Milan County of Jefferson & State of New York

of the first part, and David Pool Charles H. Starke & Henry P. Flynn acting Trustees of the Universalist Church & Society & to their Successors in office of the same place of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars,

to her duly paid, hath sold, and By these Presents, doth grant and convey to the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Village of Natural Bridge in the Town of Milan County of Jefferson & State of New York & bounded as follows beginning at the South west Corner of the Universalist Church lot running thence along the line of land of party of first part and parcel with said church lot 20 feet thence at right angles and a North Course four rods thence at right angles and an East Course 20 feet to the Corner of said church lot thence along the line of said church lot to the place of beginning.

It is intended by and between the parties that the above described parcel of land is the same that the Universalist Church had now lands upon and is to be for the benefit of said Church & Society.



With the Appurtenances, and all the Estate, Title and Interest therein of the said party of the first part. And the said Louisa Andrus

do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that the premises thus conveyed in the Quiet and Peaceable Possession of the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns she will forever Warrant and Defend against any person whomsoever lawfully claiming the same, or any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN
PRESENCE OF

Louisa Andrus



State of New York,

Town of Walden County of Jefferson

} ss.

On this Fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Eight before me, the subscriber, personally came Louisa Andrus

to me known to be the person described in and who executed the within instrument, and Louisa Andrus acknowledged that she executed the same.

J. M. Peeco
Justice of the Peace

State of New York,

County of _____

ss

On this _____ day of _____ in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-_____ before me, the subscriber, personally came _____

to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same; and the said _____

on a private examination by me, apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she executed the same freely, and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband.

Warranty Deed.

Lancaster, Indiana

TO David Pool & Wm. Starkey

W. P. G. Boyer

Trustee

Dated, _____ 1872

Jeff. County, ss.

Recorded on the _____ day

of May 1899 at 9.30

o'clock A. M., in Liber 292

of Deeds, at page 25 and

examined.

J. D. Smith

CLERK.

John Shumaker

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