

[Alden, Erie Co.]

"The First Universalist Society"

Erie County

Be it remembered that a meeting of the male members of the Universalist Society, held at the school house in the Town of Alden, County of Erie, on the thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, pursuant to public notice, and according to the statute incorporating and regulating religious societies, in such case made and provided, Edmund Badger and Reuben Mills were duly nominated and elected to preside at said meeting, and to certify and return the proceedings thereof to the Clerk of said county. That at said meeting it was unanimously resolved and agreed that said society should forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of "the first Universalist Society in the Town, County and State aforesaid." That the following persons were then and there duly elected trustees of said Society viz. Ira Gage, Cyrenius Litchfield and Morris Cady and that said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be known and called by the name and title of Trustees of the first Universalist Society as aforesaid.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written

*Edmund Badger* Moderator  
*Reuben Bills* Clerk

State of New York

Erie County

Personally came before me the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1836, Reuben Bills, whom I know to be the same who signed the above organization, and acknowledged the same executed and signed by him, and Edmund Badger (who has since removed) for the purposes within mentioned

*James Perry* Com.

Recorded examined and compared with the original August 18<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1836 at 9 o'clock A.M.

*Horace Clark* Clerk

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[Alden, Erie Co.]

At a meeting of the Universalists held at the school house, in the town of Alden, County of Erie and State of New York, their usual place of worship, on the thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, pursuant to public notice, to form and constitute a Society, or religious Corporation according to the statute in such case made and provided. On motion elected Edmund Badger to preside at this meeting as Moderator. Elected Reuben Mills clerk to this meeting. Resolved, that this society forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of "the first Universalist Society in the Town of Alden" as aforesaid. Resolved, that three Trustees be elected to this Society. The following persons were duly elected as said Trustees: viz. Ira Gage, Cyrus Litchfield, Morris Cady[.] [T]he said trustees were then duly classed No. 1, 2, 3, and drawn according to statute. Trustees belonging to class No. 1 Ira Gage—and No. 2 Cyrus Litchfield and No. 3 Morris Cady. On motion, elected Reuben Bills Clerk of said society and also clerk of said Trustees. Resolved, that Edmund Badger and Reuben Bills be the returning officers, to make and file the certificate with the county clerk. Resolved, that this meeting adjourn sin die.

*Edmund Badger* Moderator  
*Reuben Bills* Clerk

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In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

*Edmund Badger* Moderator  
*Reuben Bills* Clerk

State of New York  
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Personally came before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1836 Reuben Bills whom I knew to be the same who signed the above organization, and acknowledged the same executed and signed by him and Edward Badger (who has since removed) for the purposes within mentioned.

*James Perry* Com.

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*C. K. Anderson* Dep. Clk.