

**Barre, Genesee Co. NY**  
**[now in Orleans Co.]**

To whomsoever it may concern this may certify that at a Meeting held at the house of Elisha Smith in the Town of Barre on the fifteenth day of October instant in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one pursuant to Public Notice previously and duly given for the purpose of organizing a society agreeable to the third section of an act entitled an Act to provide for the incorporation of Religious Societies passed the twenty-seventh day of March 1801[,] Calvin Smith and Thomas Bennet two of the members of the society were Nominated and Elected by a majority of the members present to preside at S<sup>d</sup> meeting and to return the names of the persons who, by a plurality of voices shou<sup>d</sup> be Elected to serve as trustees for S<sup>d</sup> congregation[.] [W]e aforesaid Calvin Smith & Thomas Bennet do certify that at S<sup>d</sup> meeting Harry Wood[,] Thomas Bennet and Elisha Smith were by plurality of voices Elected to serve as trustees for S<sup>d</sup> society[.] [W]e do also certify that the name or title by which trustees and their successors are hereafter to be known is the trustees of the first Universalist Society in the Town of Barre and that S<sup>d</sup> title was then & there agreed on[.]

*Calvin Smith*  
*Thomas Bennet*

State of New York  
Genesee County

On the sixteenth day of October one thousand and eight hundred and twenty [sic] personally appeared before me John Lee[,] one of the Judges of the Cort [sic] of Common Pleas of said County Calvin Smith and Thomas Bennet[,] to me known[,] who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument of writing as their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned and I hereby allow the same to be recorded[.]

*John Lee*

Recorded examined and compared November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1821 at 11 o'clock A.M.

*R. Coffin* Dep Clk

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