

Belfast, Allegany Co. NY

First Universalist Society of Belfast Organization

Allegany County

Be it remembered that at a meeting of the male members of the Universalist society held at the store of J. B. Hughes in the town of Belfast on the 19th day of February 1853 pursuant to public notice and according to the statute incorporating and regulating religious societies in such case made and provided[,] David Sherman and Hazen Hughes 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 assigned that said society should forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of the first Universalist Society of Belfast, that the following persons were then and there duly elected trustees of said society to wit [L. E. Smead?] Elias P. Benjamin Stephen [Wilson?] John Byrns Hazen Hughes & John P. Babcock and that said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be known and called by the name and title of "the Trustees of the first Universalist Society of Belfast." In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

David Sherman
Hazen Hughes

State of New York
Allegany County

On this 20th day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four before me the subscriber personally appeared David Sherman & Hazen Hughes to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same.

W. Stillman J. P.

Recorded 28 March 1854 at 2 P.M.

J. M. Mott Clerk

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