

## Buffalo, Erie Co. NY

We, Benjamin Caryl & Benjamin H. Austin, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify, that on the fourth day of January, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and forty seven, in pursuance of the Statute relating to the incorporation of Religious Societies, the male persons of full age, belonging to the congregation or Religious Society, which statedly attended divine worship in the church or meeting house known as the Universalist Church, or Meeting House, in the City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie and State of New York, assembled at the said Church or Meeting House for the purpose of electing certain discreet persons, belonging to the said congregation or Society, as Trustees, to take the charge of the estate & property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof, That the Minister of said congregation or Society had publicly notified the said congregation of the time when, and the place where, the said election should be held, fifteen days before the day of such election—thus the said notification had been given for two successive Sabbaths on which the said congregation or Society statedly met for public worship, preceding the day of election—That on the said day of election, for [?] of elders or church wardens of said congregation or Society, we, the said Benjamin Caryl and Benjamin H. Austin, being two of the members of said congregation or Society, were nominated by a majority of the members present on such assembling as aforesaid to preside at such election, receive the votes of the electors, be the judges of the qualifications of such electors, and the officers to return the names of the persons who, by plurality of voices, should be elected to serve as Trustees for the said Congregation or Society, That at such election the following named persons, to wit, Solomon Drullard, James Durick, Benjamin H. Austin, Edwin Rose, Hosea Y. Torrence, Richard Bullymore, Azro Hooker, Miles Jones, and Francis S. Ellers, being nine in number, were, in manner aforesaid, elected to serve as Trustees for said Congregation or Society—and it was further determined at said election that the said Trustees and their successors should forever thereafter be called & known by the name or title of “The First Universalist Society of the City of Buffalo.”

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the fifth day of January in the year one thousand and eight hundred and forty seven

*Benjamin Caryl*  
*Benj[.] H. Austin*

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State of New York  
County of Erie

On the sixth day of January in the year one thousand and eight hundred and forty seven, Benjamin Caryl & Benjamin H. Austin, known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, acknowledged to me the execution thereof

*Edmund B. Vedder*  
Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Buffalo

Recorded, examined and compared with the original  
January 12 A.D. 1847 at 2 o'clock P.M.

*Moses Briscoe* clerk

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