

Busti, Chautauqua Co. NY

Be it remembered that on the eighth day of March 1865, the members of the First Universalist Society of Busti which had become desolved by [non usure?] or neglect met at the house of Norman Backus in the Town of Busti for the purpose of reorganization and persuant to previous notice given acording to the statute[.] The meeting was organized by the choise of Richard Deveraux and Norman Backus, two members of said society to be mediators of & to preside over said meeting[.] [T]he members there present then proceeded to elect three trustees of said society and made choice of George Martin[,] J. G. Gage and Norman Backus. The trustees so elected then proceeded to cast lots for the term of service when George Martin drew for one year[,] J. G. Gage drew for two years and Norman Backus drew for three years[.] The meeting then adopted the following resolution[:]
Resolved, that the trustees be uthorized to take the nessary measures to sell the lot belonging to the said First Universalist Society in Busti for the best price that can be obtained therefore. The meeting then adjourned[.] Dated at Busti March 8 1865. Witness our hands and seals.

Norman Backus
Richard Deveraux

State of New York
Chautauqua County

On this thirteenth day of March personally appeared before me Norman Backus and Richard Deveraux to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate or instrument in writing and severally acknowledged that [they] executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

O. Cook
Co. Judge of Chau. Co.

Chautauqua County
Recorded March 21st 1865 at 4 Oclock P.M.

C. S. Norton Clerk

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Transcriber's note: There are a number of misspelled words in this record. Rather than mark each one with [sic], I have simply entered them in a contrasting font.