

Canandaigua, Ontario Co. NY

At a meeting of the friends of Universal Grace held at Canandaigua in the county of Ontario and state of New York at the usual place of worship on the 31st day of May 1860, pursuant to public notice given to the said congregation more than fifteen days prior to said meeting to form and constitute a Society or Religious Incorporation according to the statute in such case made and provided: on motion elected William Hildreth to preside at this meeting as Moderator. Elected Edwin Hicks to be clerk of this meeting.

Resolved that this society forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of the First Universalist Society of Canandaigua. Resolved that seven Trustees be elected for said society. The following persons were duly elected said Trustees, to wit: Hiram J. Messenger, Asahel A. Brown, Edwin Hicks, Ephriam Archer, Selah Peabody, Seymour Aldrich, J. Harvey Paddleford. The said Trustees were then duly classed No. 1, 2, 3, and down according to statute.

Trustees belonging to Class No. 1— Ephriam Archer, Harvey Paddleford

Trustees belonging to Class No. 2—Asahel A. Brown, Seymour Aldrich

Trustees belonging to Class No. 3—Hiram J. Messenger, Edwin Hicks, Selah Peabody

On motion elected Joseph F. Smith clerk of said board of said Trustees.

Resolved, that William Hildreth and Edwin Hicks be the returning officers to make and file the certificate with the county clerk.

Resolved, that this meeting do adjourn to meet on the 31st day of May 1861.

Wm. Hildreth

Edwin Hicks

Ontario County

On this twenty first day of May 1860, before me A. A. Brown a Justice of the Peace of said county personally came William Hildreth [and] Edwin Hicks, the within signers, both of whom I personally know, and whom I know to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the uses & purposes mentioned therein.

A. A. Brown

A true copy of the original recorded 12 June 1860 at 12 o'clock P.M. and examined

E. W____ [illegible] clerk

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