Canisteo, Steuben Co. NY

State of New York Steuben County

We the undersigned two of the members of a Religious Society hereafter mentioned, do hereby certify that on the fifth day of Sept. 1874, the male persons of full age belonging to congregations in which Divine Worship is celebrated and not all ready incorporated, met at the place of public worship heretofore occupied by the said congregations in the Town of Canisteo in said county for the purpose of incorporating themselves, and did then and there elect by plurality of voices Anson Frisbee, Ney Wilson, and A. W. Bradford, as Trustees of said congregations or Religious Society, and the said person did then & there also determine by the like plurality of voices that the said Trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Swale Union Church. Said Union to be composed of the Universalist and Methodist Societies of the said congregation. The said denominations shall have each the right to hold, occupy & use said church, each one half the time & when not occupied by the said denominations, it shall always be open to all Religious Denominations for Divine The aforesaid trustees were elected as follows: Ney Wilson for the Methodist society, Anson Frisbee for the Universalist society, & A. M. Bradford trustee at large. The above proceedings accepted by the said congregations.

Witness our hand & Seal this fifth day of Sept 1874

Sílas Hatch chair N. Howe sect

Steuben Co.

On this 22d day of February 1875 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Silas Hatch and Hewton Howe known to me to be the persons who signed who signed their names to the above certificate and acknowledged that they executed the said certificate.

P.O. Stephens
Justice of the Peace

Recorded July 17, 1875 at 12M

A. E. Baxter clk

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