

Caroline, Tompkins Co. NY

Agreeable to the law of the State of New York for the incorporation of Religious Societies passed April 5th 1843, the members composing the first Universalist Society in the township of Caroline in the County of Tompkins, State of New York after having been duly notified agreeable to the third article of the Act, met at the Meeting House in the aforesaid township[,] the place of public worship[,] and proceeded to choose officers for the Government of the aforesaid Society[.] Voted that Seth Akins be chairman and Erastus Benton clerk of said Society—then proceeded to vote for trustees. It was unanimously voted that Reuben Legg, William Scott, Lyman P. Akins, William S. Smith, Calvin Jenks and Levi Smith serve as trustees of aforesaid Society. Then proceeded to divide by lot the said trustees into three classes, as the sixth article of the law dictates, and proceeded to draw lots. It appeared by lot that the term of service of Lyman P. Akins and Calvin Jenks should expire the first year, Reuben Legg and Levi Smith the second year, Wm. Scott and William S. Smith the third year. Resolved unanimously that this meeting be adjourned until March one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. Given under our hands and seals this twenty-eighth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Seth Akins Ch^m
Erastus Benton Clk

In presence of Nelson Doolittle [and] W^m S. Smith

Tompkins County

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of April 1828, William S. Smith the subscribing witness to the within certificate (who being satisfactorily identified by the oath of David Legg with whom I am well acquainted) personally came before me and being duly sworn deposed that he is personally acquainted with Seth Akins and Erastus Benton[,] the subscribers of the within certificate, and knows them to be the same persons described in and who executed the same and that he was present and saw the said Seth Akins and Erastus Benton execute the same and that he at the same time subscribed his name as witness. Which is to me satisfactory. Wherefore I allow it to be recorded.

A. D. W. Bruyn
Judge of Tom. Com. Pleas

A true record Ent. Apl. 24th 1828

Miles Finch Dep. Clk.

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