

Cazenovia, Madison Co. NY

Proceedings of a Meeting to Organize a Religious Society

In pursuance of notices published and made in accordance with the requirements and directions of the laws of the State of New York—the Religious Congregation of the village of Cazenovia and vicinity and county of Madison & State of New York known by the name of Universalists, met at their usual place of meeting on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, said meeting being for the purpose of organizing a religious society according to the laws of the State. And on motion made—

Resolved—that we proceed to organize said society—on motion, Fletcher Billings and Rufus May were chosen to preside over the meeting—on motion—Resolved that the name and style of the Society hereafter be known and distinguished as "The First Universalist Society of Cazenovia. On motion, Resolved that the number of Trustees to manage the affairs and take charge of the property belonging to the society be three.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for Trustees separately, whereupon W. G. Burr & Rufus May & Chester S. Bates were duly elected and their terms of office were decided by lot as follows: W. G. Burr for the term of one year & Rufus May for two years and Chester S. Bates for three years.

On motion G. W. Parsons was chosen Clerk of the Society for the term of one year, & Amasa Swift was chosen Treasurer of said Society for one year.

Resolved that the annual meeting of the Society hereafter to be on the fourth Tuesday of March in each & every year.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true account of the proceedings of the meeting held at the time first above mentioned. Witness our hands and seals this 22nd day of March 1853.

Fletcher Billings

Moderators

Rufus May

George M. Parsons, Secretary

Madison County

On the 29th day of March 1853, before me personally came Fletcher Billings, Rufus May and George W. Parsons, whom I know to be the persons described in who executed the foregoing instrument and they severally acknowledged that they had executed the same.

M. Spear Justice of the Peace

Recorded on the 14th day of March 1827 at 3 o'clock P.M.

Lucius P. Clark Clerk

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