

**Covington, Genesee Co. NY  
(Pavilion)**

To all who shall see these presents: Know Ye, that whereas the male persons of full age, belonging to the First Universalist Society of the Town of Covington, County of Genesee and State of New York, did on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1831, assemble at the School House in Pavilion in the said town of Covington being the church-meeting house where they statedly attend for Divine Worship, did then and there by a plurality of votes, elect James Sprague Jr.[,] Benjamin Waitt & Chauncey Webb being three discreet persons of the said church and congregation as trustees to take the charge of the estate & property belonging thereto and to transact all affairs belonging to the temporalities thereof—and whereas the Rev. L. L. Sadler the present minister of the said church & congregation did publicly notify the said church and congregation of the said time and place when and where the said Election was to be held, at least fifteen days before the said election and such notification was given at two stated Sabbaths successively on which the said church and congregation did meet for public worship and had so statedly done previous to said election; [\_\_?] the said notification was so given as aforesaid at the said School House and whereas on the said day of election and the said place thereof, James Sprague & Elijah Olmsted were nominated by a majority of the members thereof present to preside at said election, receive the votes of the electors at the same & to be the Judges of the qualifications of such electors & the officers to whom the names of the persons who by a plurality of votes should be then & there elected to serve as trustees for the said church & congregation—Now therefore we, the said James Sprague & Elijah Olmsted, still being members of the said congregation do certify pursuant to the statutes in such case made & provided that the said James Sprague Jr.[,] Benjamin Waitt & Chauncey Webb above named were elected trustees in the manner and for the purposes above stated. They and their successors to be hereafter called and known by the name and title of “The First Universalist Society” in the Town of Covington aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals the tenth day of October A.D. 1831.

*James Sprague  
Elijah Olmsted*

Genesee County L.S. On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1832 before me W. M. Sprague a commissioner in and for said county came James Sprague & Elijah Olmsted to me known to be the persons described in, and who acknowledged that they executed the foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned—

*W. M. Sprague*

A true copy of the original Recorded 2<sup>d</sup> April 1832 at 1 o'clock P.M. and examined—

*B. Pringle* Dep Clk

Genesee County Miscellaneous Records 2: 457-8