

DeRuyter, Madison Co. NY

To all whom these presents shall come or concern[:] Be it certified and known that certain persons[,] male inhabitants of the town and village of DeRuyter in the County of Madison and the vicinity hereto in the State of New York of full age of the Religious faith denominated Universalists not heretofore incorporated[,] did on the eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty assemble at the Union meeting house in said town [&] village the same being the place where they statedly meet for divine worship after due public notice of the time when and the place where the election herein certified would be held had been given to the congregation of such persons & other associates at least fifteen days before the day of said election for two successive Sabbaths on days on which such congregation or society statedly met for public worship preceding the day of Election for the purpose of organizing a Religious Society in pursuance of the provisions of the statute in such case made & provided[.] And we further certify that on the assembling of said persons at the time & place above named (there being no elders or church wardens belonging thereto) David Main Pres' [and] James Whitford Sec. two members of said congregation or society were duly nominated & appointed by a majority of the members present to preside thereat for the purpose of said meeting & election[.] And the undersigned being the persons so appointed to preside thereat do further certify that the said meeting determined by Resolution then & there adopted in due form to organize themselves & associates into a Religious Society to be known and distinguished by the name & title of The First Universalist Society of DeRuyter & that by a plurality of voices the persons so assembled at said meeting did also elect the following named persons to serve as Trustees of the said Religious Society viz. David Main[,] Allen Sutton [and] Newel Reeve[.] [A]nd we also certify that thereupon immediately after the election of said persons as such Trustees they were divided at said meeting by lot into three classes numbered one two & three and that the first class comprised Allen Sutton the second class David Main & the third class Newel Reeve[,] whose terms of office will expire severally as follows[:] those in the first class in one[,] those in the second class in two and those in the 3^d class three years from the date of their election respectively[;] & that James Whitford was appointed secretary of said meeting & Clerk of the said Religious Society.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the 11th day of January 1860.

David Main, Chairman
James Whitford, Secretary

Madison County

[On the] 11th day of January 1860 personally came before me the above named David Main & James Whitford to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the execution thereof.

A. N. Bentley Justice of the Peace

Recorded Feb. 27, 1860 at 1 h. P.M.

Chas. L. Avery Dep Clerk

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