

**Edwards, St. Lawrence Co. NY**  
(Union Church)

Certificate of Incorporation of a Board of Trustees for the Union Church  
and Church property in the Village of Edwards, St. Lawrence County New York

State of New York  
St. Lawrence County

We, the undersigned two of the members of the Church and Congregation hereafter mentioned in which Divine Worship is celebrated according to the rites of different Denominations constituting the Union Church—having been nominated by a majority of the members present for the purpose herein stated do hereby certify, that on the 25th day of March 1873, the male persons of full age, belonging to said Church and Congregation, and having no corporation did assemble, pursuant to due notice at the Church Edifice where they stately attend for Divine Worship, in the town of Edwards in said county and did then and there elect by plurality of voices Robert Brown Sen. and John Newton 3<sup>d</sup> class, Henry Rushton and S. P. Rice 2<sup>d</sup> class and C. V. Haile 1<sup>st</sup> class as Trustees of the said Church and Congregation, to take the charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof. And the said electors did then and there also determine, by the like plurality of voices that the said Trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known by the name or title of the "Trustees of the Edwards Union Church"—said Church now and forever to be owned equally by the following denominations namely, Presbyterians, Universalists, Methodist Episcopal and Baptists[.]

We further certify that on said day and at said place of election we were nominated for that purpose by a majority of the members present and did therefore preside at such election, and did receive the votes of the electors, and immediately thereafter we did make this certificate of the facts herein stated according to the statute in such cases provided.

Witness our hands and seals this 25 day of March 1873.

*John Newton*  
*Ebenezer Harmon*

Signed & Sealed in presence of C. K. Raymond, James Noble, B. F. Drury

State of New York  
County of St. Lawrence

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1873 personally appeared before me Chauncey K. Raymond to me known, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say:

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that he resided in the town of Edwards in said county, that he was acquainted with John Newton and Ebenezer Harmon, named in the above certificate, and knew them to be the persons who executed the above certificate, that he was present and saw them, and each and every one of them, sign and seal the same, and that they and each and every one of them acknowledged the execution thereof to him and to B. F. Drury[, ] also a subscribing witness[, ] whereupon the deponent and said B. F. Drury became subscribing witnesses thereto[.]

*Amos Newton*  
Justice of the Peace

P.S. I would further certify that the word Union written on the margin shall precede Church viz. (Union Church) and that the word Presbyterian immediately precedes the word Universalist & belongs in the place of Congregationalist which is erased, also the word Episcopal which is interlined belongs between Methodist & the word and & should read Methodist Episcopal[.]

*Amos Newton*  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded June 10<sup>th</sup> 1873 at 12 M.

*Murray N. Ralph*  
Deputy Clerk

St. Lawrence County Religious Incorporations 2: 323-26

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