

**Freedom, Cattaraugus Co. NY
(Sandusky)**

Cattaraugus County

Be it remembered that at a meeting of the male members of the Universalist Society held at the house of Elias Wood, in the Town of Freedom, on the 24th day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty five, pursuant to public notice and according [sic] to the Statute incorporating and regulating Religious Societies in such case made and provided, Elias Wood and David H. Olnes were duly nominated and elected to preside at said meeting, and to certify and return the proceedings thereof to the Clerk of said County, that at said meeting it was unanimously resolved and agreed that said society should forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of the First Universalist Society in the town of Freedom, that the following persons were then and there duly elected trustees of said Society, to wit: Elias Wood, Henry Crandall, Walter B. Smith, and that said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be known and called [sic] by the name and title of the trustees of the first Universalist society in the town of Freedom, in the County of Cattaraugus, and State of New York.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Elias Wood
David H. Olnes

Cattaraugus County

On the 24th day of May 1845 came before me Lyman Scott a Justice of the Peace of Freedom in and for said County Elias Wood & David H. Olnes to me known to be the same persons described within and who executed the written certificate and acknowledged the execution thereof.

Lyman Scott
Justice of the Peace

Recorded 24 June 1845 at 12 M. & ex^d

F. E. Baillet clk

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