

Gloversville, Fulton Co. NY

We, the undersigned, Frederick W. Betts, the minister of the church, and John L. Curts, Willard F. Button and Alvin H. Langford, three persons who were present and voted at a meeting held December 27, 1903 at 9:00 P.M. and at the adjourned meetings thereof held January 10, 1904 and January 17, 1904, of the Gloversville Universalist Society, which said meetings were held at its usual place of worship in the Darling Opera House, in the city of Gloversville, N.Y. for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to incorporate the said church under the provisions of the Religious Incorporations Law, do hereby certify as follows:

First.—That a notice of the meeting to determine whether such church should become incorporated, was duly given pursuant to Section 81 of the Religious Incorporations Law, a duplicate copy of which said notice is hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part of this certificate; and such meeting was held in accordance therewith on December 27, 1903 at 9:00 o'clock in the evening, there being thirty-nine persons present and all then and there voting in favor of the proposition for incorporation. That said meeting was then adjourned to January 10, 1904, at the same time and place, at which adjourned meeting a further adjournment thereof was made to January 17, 1904, at the same time and place.

Second.—That Frederick W. Betts, the minister of The Gloversville Universalist Society, was the presiding officer of such meeting, until called away therefrom to attend another engagement, whereon John L. Curts was duly chosen by the qualified voters of said meeting to preside thereat, there being no officiating minister, elders or deacons of said church; and Millard F. Button and Alvin H. Langfield were present at such meeting, and adjourned meetings, and voted thereat.

Third.—That at such meeting it was duly determined to incorporate such church as a religious corporation in pursuance of the Religious Incorporations Law, of the State of New York, all the thirty-nine votes cast upon said proposition being in favor thereof.

Fourth.—The name of the proposed corporation was decided upon by such meeting as The Gloversville Universalist Society.

Fifth.—The principal place of such corporation is located in said City of Gloversville, Fulton County, N.Y.

Sixth.—The number of trustees decided upon at such meeting and he several adjournments thereof, is nine.

Seventh.—The names of the trustees elected by such meeting and said adjourned meetings thereof, to hold office until the first annual election of trustees thereafter, are as follows: Elbert J. Wilkins, Hiram J. Lassell and Millard F. Button.

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Eighth.—The names of the trustees elected by such meeting and said adjourned meetings thereof, to hold office until the second annual election of trustees thereafter, are as follows: John L. Curts, Alvin H. Langfield and Seward Shepard.

Ninth.—The names of the trustees elected by such meeting and said adjourned meetings thereof, to hold office until the third annual election of trustees thereafter, are as follows: Abram C. McIntosh, Jacob V. Carr, and Frank Talbot.

Tenth.—The date fixed by such meeting for holding the first annual election of trustees of such corporation is the second Sunday of December, 1904.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, signed, acknowledged, and filed this certificate this 15th day of February, 1904.

Frederick W. Betts

J. L. Curts

M. F. Button

A. H. Langfield

State of New York

County of Fulton

On this 15th day of February, 1904, before me, the subscriber, personally came Frederick W. Betts, John L. Curts, Willard F. Button and Alvin H. Langfield, personally known to me to be the same persons described in and who made and signed the foregoing certificate, and severally acknowledged to me that they made, signed, and executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

Frank Talbot

Notary Public

Recorded on the 16th day of Feby. 1904 at 9.⁵⁰ o'clock a.m.

Chauncey B. Teagle

Clerk

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Exhibit A

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR INCORPORATION OF THE "GLOVERSVILLE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY" OF GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y.

To all persons of full age, who are members in good and regular standing of the Gloversville Universalist Society by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, and of the governing ecclesiastical body of the denomination or order to which said church belongs, or who have statedly worshipped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding 8th day of December, 1903:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of section 81 of the Religious Corporations Law (being Chapter XLII of the General Laws of the State of New York) that a meeting of the Gloversville Universalist Society will be held Sunday evening, December 27, 1903, at 9:00 P.M., at its usual place of worship, in the Darling Opera House, in the city of Gloversville, N.Y., for the purpose of deciding whether such church shall become incorporated; and, after the polls of said meeting shall have remained open for one hour or longer, as required by law, and been thereupon duly closed, and if it then be ascertained and declared by the presiding officer of said meeting that a majority of the qualified voters voting on said question shall be in favor of incorporation, such meeting shall then decide upon the name of the proposed corporation, and whether the trustees thereof shall be three, six or nine, and shall also determine the date, not more than fifteen months thereafter, on which the first annual election of trustees thereof shall be held; and such meeting shall elect from the persons qualified to vote thereat one-third of the number of trustees so decided on who shall hold office until the first annual election of trustees thereafter, one-third of such number of trustees to hold office until the second annual election of trustees thereafter, and one-third of such number of trustees to hold office until the third annual election of trustees thereafter.

Dated Gloversville, N.Y., December 8, 1903

*A. H. Langfield
M. F. Button
J. L. Curts
F. L. Easterly
E. C. Naylor
G. H. Kline*

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