

**Lenox, Madison Co. NY
(Clockville)**

At a meeting of the Universalists held at the school house in the town of Lenox and village of Clockville on the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, agreeable to a notice for that purpose given according to the statute in such case made and provided, at which time & place the members present made choice of Harry Simons & Collin Brooks[,] two of the members of the society, to preside at said meeting and thereupon the said meeting proceeded to choose five trustees, to-wit Seth Pettit[,] Harry Simons, Jason W. Powers, Sylvester Watson and Collin Brooks, who were elected trustees by the largest number of written votes—and Lucius was in like manner elected clerk and Phil S. Foley elected treasurer, and voted that the annual election shall be held on the fourth Monday in December in each year, and also the trustees then proceeded to designate by lot for the term of their office, whereupon it was decided that Harry Simons & Collin Brooks term of service expire in one year, Seth Pettit & Jason W. Powers in two years and Sylvester Watson in three years—that this Society shall be known by the name of the first Society of Universalist [sic] in Lenox, Madison County[,] state of New York.

Madison County

We the undersigned Harry Simons and Collin Brooks[,] having been duly chosen to preside at the foregoing society meeting, do certify and return that the following persons named to-wit Seth Pettit, Harry Simons, Jason W. Powers, Sylvester Watson and Collin Brooks were duly elected Trustees of the First Society of Universalist [sic] in the town of Lenox, by the plurality of written votes given at said meeting, Lucius Brooks clerk and Philo S. Foley treasurer, & the said trustees & their successors shall hereafter be called & known by the name of the First Society of Universalist [sic] in Lenox.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 24th day of January 1842.

*Harry Simons
Collin Brooks*

In presence of B. F. Chapman [and] S. Chapman

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Be it remembered that on the 7th day of Feby 1842, Stephen Chapman, known to me as one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing certificate, being duly sworn deposed that he is a resident of Clockville, [town of] Lenox, and that he knew Harry Simons & Collin Brooks who have signed the foregoing certificate & are therein described & saw them sign & seal it & heard them acknowledge that they signed & sealed the same for the uses & purposes therein expressed & did at the time subscribe his name to the same as a witness which is to me satisfactory proof of the fact—all which is certified according to the statute in such case made & provided[.]

Edward Rogers
First judge of Madison County Courts

Recorded on the eighth day of February 1842 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Lewis Fairchild Clerk

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