Oxford, Chenango Co. NY

Agreeable to an act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies passed April 5, 1813 a number of persons met agreeable to previous notice as prescribed by the aforesaid statute at the school house in the town and village of Oxford[,] County of Monroe [and] State of New York on the 18th day of July 1833 for the purpose of organizing a religious society to be called and known by the name of the first Universalist Society in the town of Oxford[,] whereupon Anson Cary and Luke Metcalf were duly appointed to preside at said meeting and therefore we the presiding officers in the aforesaid meeting do certify that by a plurality of voices the following persons were elected Trustees of the aforesaid Society[:]

Anson Cary, Luke Metcalf, Jabez Robinson, Phillip Bartle, Daniel Denison, Thomas Brown, Oliver Richmond, Ira Dodge, Henry Balcom

[A]nd we furthermore do certify that the first Monday in January of each succeeding year was the day fixed upon for the annual meeting of the aforesaid Society for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto fixed our hands and seals at Oxford aforesaid this 18^{th} day of July 1833[.]

Anson Cary Luke Metcalf

Chenango County

On the 2^d day of August 1833 personally came before me Anson Cary and Luke Metcalf to me known as the persons who signed the within certificate of incorporation and severally acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the within instrument as and for their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed.

Smith M. [Pardy?] First Judge of Chenango County Courts

Recorded October 28, 1833

J. K.. Pike clerk

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