Portland, Chautauqua Co. NY

We the undersigned two of the members of the Society hereafter mentioned, hereby certify that on the twelfth day of September 1881 at a meeting of the persons of full age belonging to the Society for the purpose of incorporating themselves, which meeting was held at Portland in the house where they statedly assemble for Divine worship and pursuant to notice duly given, upon the twenty-eighth day of August and the eleventh day of September, at the stated meetings of said congregation for public worship, by Rev. J. M. Payson the minister of said Society, the undersigned were nominated by a majority of the members present as returning officers; and that said members did then and there elect by plurality of voices, T. S. Moss, C. W. Burton and L. Harrison as trustees of the said Society; and the said persons did then and there also determine by the like plurality of voices that the said trustees and their successors should forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Trustees of the First Universalist Society of Portland, Chautauqua Co. N.Y."

Mrs. L. Harmon Mary Burton

Chautauqua County

On this 8th day of October 1881 personally appeared before me the above named Mrs. L. Harmon & Mary Burton known to me to be the persons who executed the above instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

T. S. Moss Notary Public

Chautauqua County Recorded Sept. 16 1882 & examined

J.J. Aldrich clerk

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