Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co. NY

We the Undersigned Nathan Lobdell & Sylvester Andrus of the Village of Poughkeepsie County of Dutchess & State of New York do hereby Certify that a meeting of male persons has been duly assembled at the Court House in the said Village of Poughkeepsie where they statedly attend for Divine Worship for the purpose of Re Organizing The First Universalist Society "of Poughkeepsie" That due notice was publickly given at least fifteen days before the Election of Trustees, and also for two successive Sabbaths at the said [Court] House when the said Election would take place That on the said day of Election viz the twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six We the undersigned being two of the members of the said society were nominated and chosen by a majority of the members present at the said Court House to preside at such election—and we do hereby certify that such Election was held at the Court Room in the said Court House on the said 24th day of May 1846 at three o'clock in the afternoon and that the following named persons were duly elected Trustees of the said Society—viz: James E. Slater, Thomas Clegg, Silvester Andrus, Henry L. Myers, Nathan Lobdell & Henry Fairchild[.] In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-fifth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six—

Sylvester Andrus N. Lobdell

In Presence of E. Q. Eldridge

State of New York Dutchess County

On this twenty sixth day of May 1846 before me came Nathan Lobdell and Sylvester Andrus to me known to be the Individuals described in & who executed the foregoing certificate and severally acknowledged hat they had executed the same all which I certify according to the Statute[.]

Egbert Q. Eldridge Sup. Court Com^r

Recorded May 30th 1846 at 12 o'clock Noon

Rob't Mitchell Clerk

Dutchess County Records: Old Book #1, p. 168