

Fowler (Hailesborough), St. Lawrence Co. NY

The Universalist appears to have always been the strongest of the churches in Fowler, and is to-day the only one which supports a resident pastor. The first Universalist society in the towns of Gouverneur and Fowler was organized January 26, 1832; Simeon Hazleton and twenty-five others being the original subscribers to the constitution. In June, 1833, their number had reached 72. One of their earliest preachers was Elder Langworthy. The Little York Universalist society was formed March 22, 1841, Jabez Glazier, Lemman Fuller, Simeon Hazleton, Albert A. Vedder, and John P. Ryan being the first trustees. A church edifice was built at Little York, at a cost of \$1200, furnished chiefly, if not entirely, by Simeon Hazleton. This is still their place of worship.

The First Universalist society of Gouverneur and Hailesborough was formed January 27, 1849, Addison Giles heading the list of trustees. The original members numbered 18. In 1851, Rev. C. Dodge was their pastor, preaching every fourth Sabbath in the school-house at Hailesborough. The union church edifice at Hailesborough was erected in 1860, on land donated by H. H. Haile, and on January 3, 1861, a meeting was held for the sale of pews. The record gives a list of pews sold at that time, aggregating \$905. On the same day "The Universalist Union Society of Hailesborough" was organized "in the new meeting-house," with Francis Farmer, Wm. T. Burt, and Daniel G. Sartwell, trustees. The present pastor is Rev. Donald Fraser, of Hailesborough, who gives a portion of his time to the congregation at Little York. Rev. J. S. Lee, of Canton, also preaches occasionally at Little York.

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