

**This Indenture**, Made the Nineteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight Between Benjamin Hyde of the town of Hartford, County of Washington of the State of New York and his wife, Lis Hyde of the first part, and the Trustees of the First Society of Universalists and to their successors in Office in the town of Hartford aforesaid of the second part, **Witnesseth**, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the SUM of One Dollar lawful Money of the United States, to them in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed; and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, ALL that small piece of land situate of foot No. sixty six in the town of Hartford aforesaid, Bounded as follows, Beginning at the top Twenty degrees east ninety seven links from the northwest corner of the Congregational Meeting house and running thence North forty degrees, fifteen minutes east, fifty one and a half links, thence south forty nine degrees, forty five minutes East ninety seven links, thence south forty degrees, fifteen minutes west, fifty one and a half links, thence North forty nine degrees four minutes West ninety seven links to the place of beginning containing five Rods of Land, together with all such land as may be between said premises and the highway in front. And it is expressly understood that this land is conveyed for the sole purpose of a site for a Meeting house for said Society with the use of adjoining ground to erect staggings and lodges materials for the Building and repairing said house so long as said Society may concur the same for that purpose and no other.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining; and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, use, trust, property, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or in equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the said hereditaments and appurtenances. **To have and to hold** the said premises with every the appurtenances

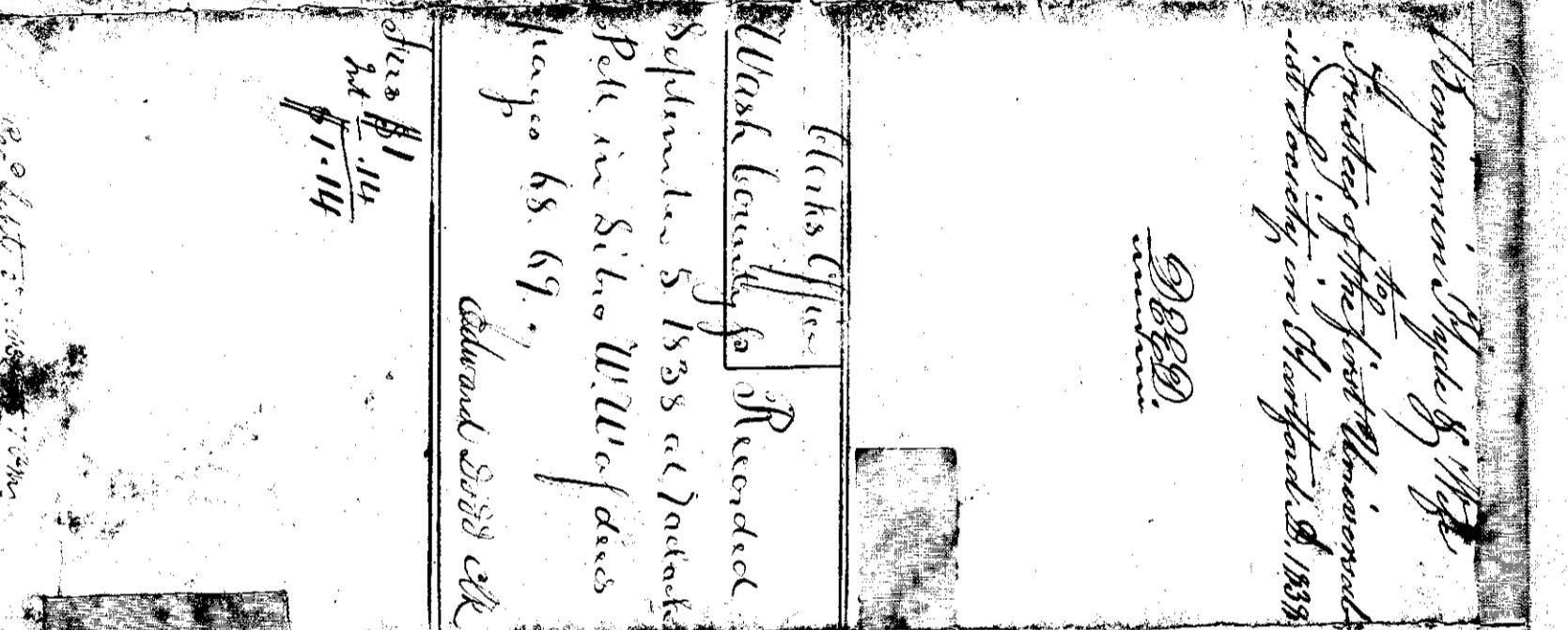
to the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns for ever. And the said party of the first part, for themselves their heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, grant, bargain, promise and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that the said party of the first part, their heirs and assigns, the above bargained premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, against all persons legally claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, their heirs, and assigns, shall and will for ever WARRANT AND DEFEND.

In Witness whereof, The party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

William P. Allen  
" H. M."

Benjamin Hyde  
Lis Hyde



State of New York  
County of Washington

I certify that on the 4th day of July (A.D) 1838, before me personally appeared the within named Benjamin and Louis Kooyde, to me well known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within deed, and they acknowledge that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein expressed and the said Louis on a private station separate and apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of her husband. And seeing no alterations or erasures therein do allow the same to be Recorded.

William P. Allen  
Conc of deeds

**The Following  
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**BIEL'S**

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of December in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight Bethune  
Benjamin Hedges of the town of Hartford County of Hartford  
 and State of New York and Sarah his wife of the first part and the  
 Trustees of the first Society of Unionville and to their Successors  
 officers in the town of Hartford aforesaid of the second part Wiley Pelt  
 that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the  
 sum of one dollar of lawful money of the United States to them  
 in hand paid by the said party of the second part at or before the ex-  
 change and delivery of these presents to the receipt whereof he has  
 certified and acknowledged have granted bargained sold released  
 released aliened enfeoffed and confirmed And by these presents  
 do grant bargain sell release alien enfeoffed confirm  
 unto the said party of the second part and to their heirs and assigns  
 forever All that tract piece of land situate at lot No sixtysix in  
 the town of Hartford aforesaid bounded thus Beginning  
 north from the East nine o'clock line from the northeast  
 corner of the back reservation meeting house and running thence  
 north forty degrees fifteen minutes East fifty one and a half link  
 North bound by a line bearing forty five minutes East seven  
 links North bound forty degrees fifteen minutes East fifty one  
 and a half links North and the forty nine degrees forty five minutes  
 West striking links to the place of Beginning containing two acres  
 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of land together with all such land as may be between  
 said premises and the highway in front And it is expressly  
 understood that this land is granted for the sole purpose of a  
 site for a meeting house for said Society with the uses of adjoing  
 ground to meet stagings and lodge materials for the building  
 and repairing said house so long as said Society may improve  
 the same for that purpose and the other together with all and  
 singular the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging  
 or in any wise appertaining and the uses and revenues therefrom  
 rents issues and profits thereof And all the costs and charges relating  
 to said property claims and demands whatsoever of the said party  
 of the first part either in law or in equity of and to the above  
 named premises together therewith subject to the uses and appurtenances  
 to which and to hold the said premises with every other affidavit  
 necessary to the said party of the second part there being made after  
 a due enquiry before the said party of the second part has his hand upon  
 the same And the said party of the first part for themselves  
 their heirs executors and administrators do hereby covenant and

bargain premises and agree to and with the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns that the said party of the first part shall their heirs and assigns the above bargained premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns against all persons legally claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns shall have power Warrant and  
Petition in witness whereof the party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and year first above written  
 Benjamin Hyde Esq: & Louis Hyde Esq: sealed and delivered in the presence of William P Allen

State of New York County of Washington I certify  
 that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July AD 1838 before me personally appeared  
 the within named Benjamin and Louis Hyde to me well known  
 to be the individuals described in and acknowledged by themselves  
 and they acknowledged that they executed the same for the  
 uses and purposes therein expressed And the said Louis Hyde gave  
 examination separate and apart from his husband acknowledging  
 that she executed the same freely and without any fear or compre-  
 hension of her husband And having no alteration or change therein  
 do allow this paper to be recorded

William P Allen born al dead  
 certify the preceding to be a true record of the original document  
 (the bond is now certified as allowed the above enclosed)  
 Recorded September 5<sup>th</sup> 1838 at Joseph Pelle Edward Dobbick

Deed Book "WW", p. 68 & 69

This Indenture, Made this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred two Between Jno. W. Smith of Newbury Washington County New York, Anna A. Smith wife of Nathan Samuel Smith and William S. Powell of Bartford N.Y. Trustees of the First Society of Universalists in the Town of Bartford N.Y. parties

of the first part, and The New York Convention of Universalists incorporated under the laws of the State of New York parties

of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said part is of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One

Dollars,

to her duly paid, have sold, and

By these Presents, do grant and convey to the said part of the second part their heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Bartford aforesaid, being all that small piece of land situate of Lot No. Forty six in the town of Bartford aforesaid bounded thus - Beginning North fourteen degrees east ninety seven links from the North West Corner of the Congregational Meeting House and running thence North forty degrees fifteen minutes East fifty one and a half links, thence South forty nine degrees forty five minutes East Seventy links thence South forty degrees fifteen minutes West Fifty one and a half links thence North forty nine degrees forty five minutes West Seventy links to the place of beginning containing five rods &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of land together with all such land as may be between said premises and the high way in front. As deeded by Benjamin Hyde of Bartford N.Y. to the Trustees of the First Universalist Society (and to their successors in office) in the town of Bartford and recorded in Washington County Clerks Office Sth 5. 1838 at 10 o'clock P.M. in Liber. N.Y.

of deeds pages 68, 69 Reference being hereby made  
to such deed for full description of premises for

With the Appurtenances, and all the Estate, Title and Interest therein of the said part is of the first part. And the said parties of the first part  
do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said part Y of the second part,  
Their heirs and assigns, that the premises thus conveyed in the Quiet and  
Peaceable Possession of the said part Y of the second part, Their heirs and  
assigns does + will forever Warrant and Defend against any person  
whomsoever lawfully claiming the same, or any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof, the party as of the first part have hereunto set  
Their hands and seal to the day and year first above written.

SEALLED AND DELIVERED IN }  
PRESENCE OF }

Geo. W. L. Smith

(S)

Laura A. Sweet

(S)

Job Matteson

(S)

Samuel E. Brayton

(S)

William H. Powell

(S)

Trustees

Sate of New York  
County of Washington

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1902 before me the subscriber personally  
came Geo. W. L. Smith to me known to be the person described in and  
who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that he  
executed the same

Kenneth Ward

Notary Public

State of New York,  
County of Washington

{ ss:

On this Twenty fifth day of January in the  
year one thousand nine hundred and two before me, the subscriber,  
personally came Laura A. Sweet, Job Matteson, Samuel E. Brayton,  
William H. Powell,

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and  
they acknowledged that they executed the same.

William H. Ward

Notary Public

W. W. L. Smith  
Smith's Business  
For Record

## Warranty Deed.

Trustees of the First  
Universalist Society of  
Hartford, my

TO

New York State Convention  
of Universalists

Dated, January 19, 1902

Washington County, ss.

Recorded on the 13 day

of February 1902 at 9

o'clock A.M., in Liber 130

of Deeds, at page 252 and

examined.

E. H. Snyder  
Clerk

DECLARATION OF TRUST made this 23<sup>d</sup> day of July, 1906,  
between the Universalist Church of South Hartford, party of  
the first part and the New York State Convention of Universa-  
lists, party of the second part, both corporations.

WHEREAS, Laura A. Sweet, by her will duly probated in the  
Surrogate's Court of Washington County, on the 13th. day of  
June, 1906, did bequeath to the party of the first part the  
sum of \$2,000, the income thereof to be used for the support  
of preaching by the party of the first part, and under certain  
conditions , to revert to the party of the second part as well  
as the principal of said fund, And.

WHEREAS, the executer under and by said will named is de-  
sirious of rendering an accounting and paying said fund to the  
party entitled to hold same.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parti-  
es hereto that said sum of \$2000 shall be paid to the New  
York State Convention of Universalists to be held and invested  
by it and the income therefor to be paid by it in yearly pay-  
ments on the 1st. day of August, in each year, according to  
the terms and conditions of said bequest of Laura A. Sweet.

It is further agreed that said party of the second part  
will pay said income to said party of the first part according  
to the terms and said conditions of said bequest in each year.

*Said Convention's,*

It is further agreed that the receipt to the executer of  
said Laura A. Sweet, shall bind and be conclusive upon the  
party of the first part and relieve said executer from further

liability arising from said bequest.

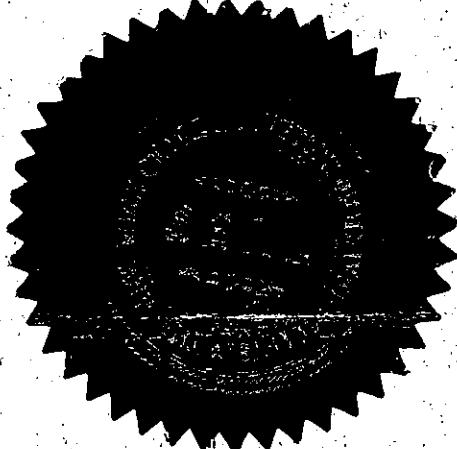
IN WITNESS thereof the parties hereto have caused  
this agreement to be executed by their proper officers.

Universalist Church of South Hartford By

Dob Matteson } Trustees  
As W L Smith }

New York State Convention of Universalists By.

Charles C. Lamp, Treasurer



Universalist Church  
of South Hartford,

and

The New York State Convention  
of Universalists.

Declaration of Trust.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred two between GEO. W. L. SMITH of Kingsbury, Washington County New York LAURA A. SWEET, JOB MATTISON, SAMUEL E. BRAYTON and WILLIAM H. POWELL of Hartford, N.Y. Trustees of the First Society of Universalists in the Town of Hartford N.Y. parties of the first part, and THE NEW YORK CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, parties of the second part WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to them duly paid have sold and by these presents do grant and convey to the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns,-

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Hartford aforesaid being all that small piece of land situate of lot No. Sixty-six in the Town of Hartford aforesaid bounded thus, Beginning North fourteen degrees East ninety-seven links from the northwest corner of the Congregational Meeting House and running thence North forty degrees fifteen minutes East fifty-one and a half links, thence South forty-nine degrees forty-five minutes East seventy links, thence South forty degrees fifteen minutes West fifty-one and a half links, thence North forty-nine degrees forty-

five minutes West seventy links to the place of beginning, containing five rods & 77/100 of land, together with all such land as may be between said premises and the highway in front, as deeded by Benjamin Hyde of Hartford, N.Y. to The Trustees of the First Universalist Society (and their successors in office) in the Town of Hartford, and recorded in Washington County Clerk's Office Sep. 5 1838 at 7 O'clock P.M. in Liber W.W. of Deeds pages 68-69, reference being hereby made to such deed for full description of premises.

With the appurtenances and all the estate title and interest of the said parties of the firstpart. And the said parties of the first part do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns that the premises thus conveyed in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns does and will forever warrant and defend against any person whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties of the firstpart have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in presence of - Coo. W.L. Smith. L.S. )  
Laura A. Sweet. L.S. )  
Job Mattison. L.S. ) Trustees.  
Samuel E. Brayton. L.S. )  
William H. Powell. L.S. )

STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Washington, ss:- On this 8th day of Feb'y 1902 before me the subscriber personally came Coo. W.L. Smith to me known to be the person described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

L.S.

Norman T. Drake, Notary Public.

STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Washington, ss:- On this twenty-fifth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and two before me the subscriber personally came Laura A. Sweet, Job Mattison, Samuel E. Brayton William H. Powell to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument and they acknowledged that they executed the same.

L.S. William H. Ward, Notary Public.

Recorded February 13, 1902 at 9 A.M.

E.H. Snyder, Clerk.

**The Southern Industrial Institute**  
 Incorporated  
 For the Training of White Youth

Institute Press

Camp Hill, Alabama

My dear Mr. Randall: I am going over  
 a lot of old papers belonging to my  
 father-in-law, yesterday. I came  
 across the old deed to the land of  
 the South Stafford Universalist  
 Church.

The grossif has always been that  
 when the church ceased to be used for  
 church purposes the property reverted  
 back to the heirs.

A careful reading of the deed  
 shows that this is not so. The deed  
 simply provides that the property can  
 not be used for anything but a church.

With kind regards,

Schenectady, N.Y. Lyman Ward  
 August 20, 1929.



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30 Grand St.

SEP 12 1941

August 4, 1941

N. Y. State Convention of Universalists  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

As you no doubt know the insurance on the Brick Church in South Hartford expires August 24th. Before renewing this policy I feel I should advise you that the Church is sadly in need of repair. The wooden steps in the front are falling apart and the rear window in the gable has blown in so the storms can beat in. I have been advised that the ceiling has fallen and the plaster is on the pulpit set. I have not seen this, but some children climbed up and looked into the windows.

The policy is for \$1200 and I do not feel the company would wish to carry so much on a building in the condition that one is. Will you please advise me your wishes in the matter.

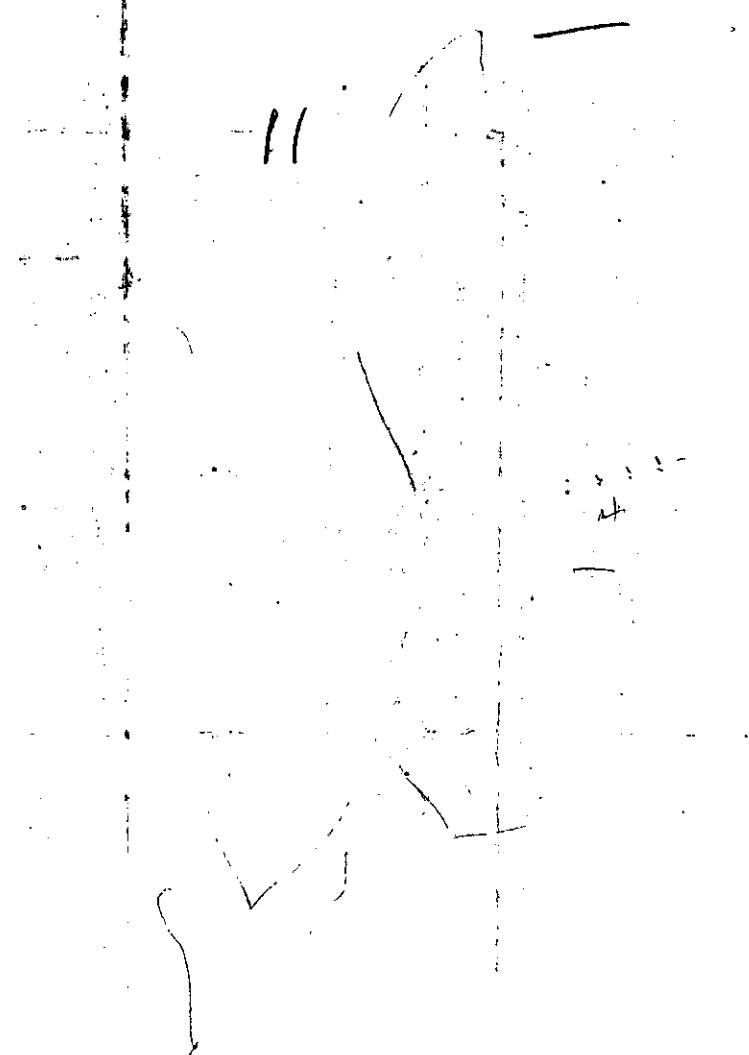
Sincerely yours,

*Ethel I. Ingalls*

Ethel I. Ingalls,  
Agent

Fletcher  
Hall,

Dr. Lemming



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September 15, 1941

Mr. Fay C. Parsons, Treas.,  
N. Y. State Convention of Universalists  
12 Central Ave.,  
Cortland, N. Y.

SEP 16 1941

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I have your letter of the 13th in regard to insurance on the church in South Hartford. I called the company about a binder on this property until Dr. Leining arrives to inspect same and he said a binder could not be issued for more than 30 days, and suggested that a policy be written for 50% of the present one until the building is repaired and then increased to full value. Is this satisfactory to you? If so advise me and I will send you the policy.

Sincerely yours,

*Ethel I. Ingalls*  
Ethel I. Ingalls, Agent

Address:  
30 Grand St.,  
Glens Falls

ASK THE MAN WHO

HAS HAD AN ACCIDENT

September 16, 1941.

Ethel I. Ingalls,  
30 Grand Street,  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

Dear Madam:--

Your suggestion of a policy  
for half the amount of present one will  
be satisfactory.

A binder is for only 30 days  
but they can be renewed.

Either will be okeh.

Very truly yours,

FAY C. PARSONS,  
Treasurer.

FCP/F

REV. HOWARD B. GILMAN, PRESIDENT RALPH W. STODDARD, VICE-PRESIDENT DONALD W. BEEBE, TREASURER REV. FRED G. LEINING, D. D., SECRETARY  
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KENNETH DOWNEY  
305 CANISTEO ST., HORNER

GEORGE A. FRIEDRICH  
82 WALL ST., NEW YORK

# New York State Convention of Universalists

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REV. BENJAMIN B. HERBEY, D. D.  
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677 SOUTH WARREN ST., SYRACUSE

MRS. VICTOR H. RUSSELL  
603 FRENCH RD., ROCHESTER

OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

June 7, 1950

Dear Donald:

South Hartford -

Here is another old property that we have held for years.

The roof is leaking - plaster is down --- a large window is broken - and rain enters.

Howard Hanna wants to turn it into a museum - which is a fine use for the property. Only other offer came about two years ago - \$400.00 ..... A brick building.

Guess this covers all -- I asked him to send \$50 to you, previous to getting the papers.

Sincerely,

Fred Leining

June 7, 1950

Mr. Howard Hanna  
Hartford, New York.

Dear Mr. Hanna:

It was a pleasure to meet you in Hartford and South Hartford - to inspect the church property - to give endorsement to your plan to use the building for a museum.

By telephone you offered \$600.00 for the property as is.

I have not yet heard from Mr. Kearns as to whether he has removed all of his furniture. The proposition carries this reservation, until I hear from him.

To bind the deal, I suggest that you send a check for \$50.00 -

Fifty Dollars to

Our Treasurer, Mr. Donald W. Beebe, 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, 23, New York. Mr. Beebe, as attorney, will prepare the papers.

I will notify you concerning Mr. Kearns' property.

Sincerely,

Frost Leining

HANNA HARDWARE CO.

HARTFORD, NEW YORK

PHONE 2471

June 29 1950

Mr. Donald Beebe  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Beebe:

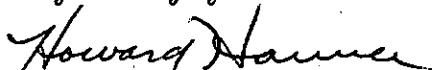
Received your letter of the 26 th and I would like a  
warrentee deed to the church property if possible.

My reason for asking this is because I know of a case in  
the village of Belcher N.Y., where the church was sold and  
later it was discovered that the property on which it stood,  
belonged to another person.

In former years people were forever giving land to a  
church or school and then leaving a provision that the land  
revert back to the original property if they ceased to be  
used for church or school purposes.

I do not want to make you a lot of additional trouble,  
but I would not be pleased to find that I had purchase a piece  
of property and not own the land.

Very truly yours



Howard Hanna

# This Undersigned,

Made the 27th day of July Nineteen Hundred and Fifty

Between NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York  
having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, Erie County, New York,

party of the first part, and

HOWARD HANNA, of Hartford, Washington County, New York, put

party of the second part;

Witnesseth, that the party of the first part, in consideration of

- - - - - ONE AND MORE - - - - - Dollars,  
(\$ 1.00 & MORE ) lawful money of the United States,

paid by the party of the second part,  
does hereby remise, release, and quitclaim unto the party of the second part,

his heirs and assigns forever, all THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF

LAND situate in the Town of Hartford aforesaid, being all that small  
piece of land situate of Lot No. Sixty-six in the Town of Hartford,  
abovesaid, bounded thus:

BEGINNING north fourteen degrees east ninety-seven links  
from the northwest corner of the Congregational Meeting House and  
running thence north forty degrees fifteen minutes east fifty-one and  
a half links. Thence south forty-nine degrees forty-five minutes  
east seventy links; thence south forty degrees fifteen minutes west  
fifty-one and a half links; thence north forty-nine degrees forty-  
five minutes west seventy links to the place of beginning containing  
five rods and 22 /100 of land together with all such land as may be  
between said premises and the highway in front, as deeded by Benjamin  
Hyde of Hartford, New York, to the Trustees of the First Universalist  
Society (and to their successors in office) in the Town of Hartford

and recorded in Washington County Clerk's Office Sept. 5, 1838, at 4 o'clock P.M. in Liber WW of Deeds pages 68,69 Reference being hereby made to such deed for full description of premises.

Being the same premises conveyed by George W. L. Smith, et al., Trustees of the First Society of Universalists in the Town of Hartford, New York, to the grantor herein by deed dated January 10, 1902 and recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office on February 13, 1902 in Liber 130 of Deeds at page 252.

This Deed is executed and delivered by the grantor herein, without any previous application to any court or judge thereof, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 188 of the laws of 1862 as amended.

*Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to the said premises.*

*To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever.*

In Presence of

*In Witness Whereof. The party of the first part has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer the day and year first above written.*

ATTEST:

FRED LEINING

Secretary

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF  
UNIVERSALISTS

HOWARD B. GILMAN

By President

P. 110  
MS.  
Stamps

# State of New York

County of

Herkimer

ss.

City of Little Falls

On this 27th day of July Nineteen Hundred and Fifty before me personally came HOWARD B. GILMAN

to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he resides in Little Falls, New York

that he is the President of THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS the corporation described in and which executed the above Instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

George E. Willcox

Notary Public  
in the State of New York  
Herkimer Co. Notary Public No. 533  
Commission Expires March 30, 1951

County Clerk's Certificate

Attached



CORPORATION-QUIT CLAIM

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION  
OF UNIVERSALISTS

TO

HOWARD HANNA

Dated, July 27 1950

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of Herkimer

RECORDED  
ON THE

day of July 1950  
at o'clock A.M.  
in LIBER of DEEDS  
at PAGE and crammed.

CLERK