

**Oneonta, Otsego Co. NY
(Oneonta)**

We the undersigned two of the members of the congregation hereinafter mentioned hereby certify that on the 12th day of December in the year 1877 at a meeting of the male persons of full age belonging for the purpose of incorporating the same which meeting was held at Lyceum Hall in the village of Oneonta, Otsego Co. N.Y. in the house where they stately assemble for divine worship and pursuant to notice duly given upon the 18th day of November 1877 and the second Sunday of November at the stated meetings of said congregation for public worship, by the Rev. L. P. Porter the minister, and the said notice was published for two successive weeks in three papers in said village of Oneonta[.]

The undersigned were nominated by a majority of the members present as returning officers, and that said male members did then and there elect by plurality of voices Samuel S. Burnside[,] W. A. E. Tompkins[,] D. W. Brainard[,] Peter C. Gilchrist[,] Martin Covert, Wm. W. Snow [and] James N. Jencks as Trustees of the said congregation or 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 First Universalist Society of Oneonta.

In witness whereof, we have affixed our hands and seals at Oneonta this 12th day of December 1877.

*Louis L. Bundy
W^m. H. Peck*

Signed and Sealed in the presence of S. S. Burnside

State of New York
County of Otsego

On this 12th day of December 1877, at Lyceum Hall, Oneonta village, personally appeared before me Louis D. Bundy and W^m. H. Peck the within named returning officers with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of December 1877[.]

S. S. Burnside Notary Public

Recorded Dec 15 1877. 2 P.M.

Walter H. Bunn clerk

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