Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence Co. NY (Ogdensburg)

Certificate of Incorporation of the First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg, N.Y.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, the persons of full age belonging to the religious congregation known as the Universalist Society of the City of Ogdensburg, N.Y. (unincorporated), assembled at the "East Room" Gilbert Block in said city, being the place where they statedly attend for divine worship, and did then and there by plurality of voices and by ballot elect the following discreet persons of said congregation, viz, Henry Rodes, George B. Oswell, William S. Best, Robert E. Waterman and Royal Tallman as Trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging to such congregation or society and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof.

We do further certify that the minister of such congregation or society, Rev. Lewis B. Fisher, did publicly notify said congregation of the time when, and the place where, the said election would be held, at least fifteen days before the said day of election, which said notification was duly given for two successive sabbaths, being days on which such congregation or society statedly met for public worship, preceding the day of election; that on said day of election, there being no elders or church wardens of said congregation or society, the undersigned, two of the members thereof, were duly nominated by a majority of the members of such congregation or society there present, to, and they did, preside at said election, receive the votes of the electors, be the judges of the qualifications of such electors, and the officers to return the names of the persons who, by plurality of voices, should be elected to serve as trustees for the said congregation or society.

We do further certify that at said election, by resolution duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted by the said electors, it was determined that the number of trustees for said congregation or society should be five, and that the name or title by which they and their successors should forever thereafter be called and known should be "First Universalist Church of Ogdensburg, NY."

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first aforesaid.

George B. Oswell Rob^t. F. Waterman

State of New York County of St. Lawrence

On this 9th day of December 1895 before me, the subscriber, personally appeared George B. Oswell and Robert E. Waterman, Severally personally known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

John Barr Notary Public

Recorded December 18th, 1895 at 9:00 A.M.

C. N. Reynolds Deputy Clerk

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