

## Owego, Tioga Co. NY

We the undersigned two of the members of the religious society hereinafter mentioned, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_[blank] day of March A. D. 1859 the mail [sic] persons of full age belonging to a religious society in which Divine Worship is celebrated according to the rites of the Universalist church and not already incorporated, met at the place of public worship heretofore occupied by the said church or religious society in the town of Owego in said county for the purpose of incorporating themselves, and did then and there elect by plurality of voices David Merserran[,] Simion Brown[,] George Tracy[,] George Pearsall [and] Royal Y. Smith as trustees of the said church and the said persons did then & 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 \_\_\_\_\_[blank]. Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_[blank]<sup>1</sup> day of March A. D. 1859.

*W. S. Pearsall*  
*Benj. Tracy*

State of New York  
Tioga County

On this [14th?] day of March A. D. 1859 personally appeared before me William S. Pearsall and Benj. Tracy to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same—

*Stephen Strong*  
County Judge of Tioga

Recorded March 17, 1859

*H. A. Brooks* Dep't. Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> Calculating from other items in the Record, this date would have been after March 9 and before March 17, 1859.