

Pittstown, Rensselaer Co. NY

We Joseph Wadsworth & Benjamin Sheldon do hereby certify that a meeting of the male inhabitants of full age who have been statedly in the habit of attending public religious worship in the "Wadsworth School House" in the town of Pittstown in said county was held in said School House on the 23d day of September 1839 pursuant to a notice made in said School House for two Sabbaths preceding said 23d day of September immediately after divine service ended & the first notice given fifteen days previous to the time of holding said meeting on the said 23d day of September for the purpose of choosing a board of Trustees with the view to the incorporation of a religious Society in said town according to the statute in such case made & provided and at said meeting the said Joseph Wadsworth & Benjamin Sheldon being two of the members of said religious Society who have statedly attended divine Service at said School House were nominated by a majority of voices chosen to preside at said meeting to receive the votes etc and we do hereby further certify that Josiah Harrington[,] James Campbell & John Spicer being persons who have statedly attended divine Service in said School House were chosen by a plurality of voices as Trustees of a Religious Society in said town to be denominated "The first Universalist Society in Pittstown" and which said Trustees and their successors are to be denominated "The Trustees of the first Universalist Society in Pittstown." In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23d day of September 1839[.]

Benjamin Sheldon
Joseph Wadsworth

In Presence of
Gardner Wood
L. C. Browne

State of New York
Rensselaer County

On the twenty-fourth day of September eighteen hundred thirty nine, Gardner Wood a subscribing witness to the within instrument to me personally known, appeared before me & being duly sworn testified that he resides in the town of Pittstown[,] that he knew Benjamin Sheldon & Joseph Wadsworth the individuals described in & who executed the within instrument and that they executed the same in presence of him the said witness[.]

John D. Millard
Judge of Renss. County Courts Counsellor etc.

Recorded September 25, 1839
Leland Crandall clk

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