

Poland, Chautauqua Co. NY

State of New York
Chautauque County

We the undersigned two of the members of the religious society hereafter mentioned do hereby certify that on the fifth day of March inst. the male 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 religious society in the town of Poland in said county for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by plurality of voices Mr. John Miller[,] Mr. Eliakim Crosby & Mr. Nelson Bird as Trustees of the said religious society and the said persons did then and there also determine by the like plurality of voices that said Trustees and their successors should forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of "The Trustees of the Universalist Society of Poland[.]"

Witness our hands and seals this fifth day of March 1859

John Miller
Nelson Bird

Signed and Sealed in the presence of Eliakim Crosby

Chautauque County

On this twenty fourth day of March 1859 before me personally came Eliakim Crosby subscribing witness to the within certificate to me known who being duly sworn did depose and say that he resided in the Town of Poland in said county[,] that he knew John Miller & Nelson Bird[,] the individuals described in and who executed the said certificate & that he was present and saw the said John Miller & Nelson Bird sign seal and deliver the same as for their act and deed and that the said John Miller and Nelson Bird acknowledged the execution thereof whereupon the said Eliakim Crosby became the subscribing witness thereto

S. W. Chandler
Justice of the Peace

Chautauque County
Recorded March 30th A.D. 1859 at 1 Ock P.M.

T. S. Bly clerk

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