

**Pomfret, Chautauqua Co. NY
(Fredonia)**

State of New York
Chautauque County

We whose names are hereto annexed do hereby certify that the persons of full age belonging to the Religious Society of Universalists in the Village of Fredonia in said County did assemble on the eight day of October eighteen hundred fifty three at the house in said village where they stately attend for Divine Worship, and elect by plurality of voices three discreet persons of their said Society as trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof. That at such election no person was permitted to vote except male persons of full age who have stately worshipped with said Society and have formerly been considered as belonging thereto. That the minister of said Society did publicly notify the congregation of the time when and the place where the said election was to be held by giving notice on two successive Sabbaths on which said Society did stately meet for public worship, which said notification was given fifteen days preceding the day of election. That on said day of election we the undersigned two of the members of said Society were nominated by a majority of the members present, to preside at such 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 votes would be elected to serve as Trustees for the said Society. We further certify that at said election, Francis B. Parker, Jesse E. Baldwin and Orren Castle were elected to serve as Trustees for said Society and that by the plurality of the voices of said electors at said election it was determined and agreed that the name or title by which the said Trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be called and known should be the Trustees of the First Universalist Society in Fredonia[,] Chautauque County New York. Witness our hands and seals this eight day of October eighteen hundred and fifty three.

*Jesse E. Baldwin
Walter W. Holt*

Chautauque County

On the 12th day of October eighteen hundred fifty three personally came before me Jesse E. Baldwin and Walter W. Holt to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the above certificate and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

A. Hinckley
Justice of the Peace

Chautauque County

Recorded October 15th A.D. 1853 at 8 oclock A.M.

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