

**Richfield, Otsego Co. NY  
(Monticello)**

We the subscribers hereby certify that at a meeting held at the house of Jacob Osborn in the Village of Monticello (in Richfield) on the twenty fifth day of June eighteen hundred and twenty four for the purpose of organizing a religious Society (agreeable to the directions contained in an act passed April 5<sup>th</sup> eighteen hundred & thirteen & the amendments thereto)— A religious Society was formed by the name of "The First Universalist Society of Richfield," that we were chosen to preside at the meeting to decide on the qualifications of voters or electors and determine who were elected officers of the same and accordingly certify that Robert Hewes[,] Benjamin Tuckerman[,] Abner Ames[,] Otis Cook & John Brown were chosen Trustees of said society—

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty four

*Lemuel Fitch* Moderator  
*Daniel Andrus* Clerk

Otsego County

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1824 personally appeared before me Lemuel Fitch & Daniel Andrus the persons mentioned & described in the within instrument to me known to be the same persons therein mentioned who acknowledged they signed & executed the within instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned—Let the same be recorded

*John Woodbury*  
Judge of Otsego County Courts

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