

**Riga, Genesee Co. NY**  
[now in Monroe County]

To whomsoever it may concern this may certify that at a meeting held at the school house in the fourth district in the Town of Riga on the eleventh day of January 1813 instant pursuant to public notice previously and duly given for the purpose of organizing a society agreeable to the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of an act entitled an Act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies passed the 27 March 1801—Thomas Bingham and George Richmond two of the members of said Society were nominated by a majority of the members present to preside at said meeting and election and to return the names of the persons who by plurality of voices should be elected to serve as trustees for the said congregation—We the said Thomas Bingham and George Richmond aforesaid do certify that at said meeting Samuel Shepard[,] Elihu Church Esq. and George Richmond were by a plurality of voices elected to serve as trustees for said Society. We do also certify that the name or title by which said Trustees and their successors are hereafter to be known is the Trustees of the First United Universal Society in Riga and the Vicinity thereof and that said Title was then and there agreed on by said meeting

*Thomas Bingham*  
*George Richmond*  
Presiding Officers

The words and duly in the sixth line interlined before signing

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On the twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen came before me D. McCracken one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Genesee County Thomas Bingham and George Richmond to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument of writing who acknowledged that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and I finding no interlineations or erasures except those noted do allow the same to be recorded

*D. McCracken*

Recorded examined and compared November 26<sup>th</sup> 1813

*S. Cumings* Clk

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