

**Russia, Herkimer Co. NY
(Gravesville)**

This is to certify that for the purpose of organizing a Religious Society to be known as the First Universalist Society of Gravesville, Herkimer Co. N.Y. pursuant to Chapter 656 of the Laws of 1867 there assembled on the 23^d day of October 1884 in the Universalist Church in Gravesville N.Y. the place being the same in which they have stately met for Divine Worship the following named persons: to wit, George R. Jenks, Russell Halliday[,] E. P. Graves[,] Hattie Lankton[,] Ann Jenks[,] Mrs. Russell Halliday[,] Addie Bowie[,] H. Ballou[,] Frank Lankton [and] Estha Jenks[,] each and every one of whom was above the age of 21 years[,] a citizen of the State of New York and has worshiped with and has been considered as belonging to the Univerlasits Society of Gravesville afforesaid. That fifteen days previous notice of said meeting having been given Therefore pursuant to law Frank Lankton and George R. Jenks were nominated and elected moderators by a majority of said members to preside at said meeting and election, that by plurality of voices said persons did proceede to elect a Board of three Trustees of said Universalist Society consisting of the following named persons to wit, Frank Miller [,] E. P. Graves & Geo. R. Jenks they being discret persons to take charge of the temporalities of the society or church so organized. That said corporation society or church is to be known as the First Unaversalist Society (or church) of Gravesville, Herk. Co. N.Y. and that they and their successors in office shall forever hereafter be known as Trustees therof.

Signed and sealed this [blank] day of October 1884 by

Frank Lankton
Geo. R. Jenks
Moderators

Herk. Co.

On this 27 day of October 1884 Frank Lankton & Geo. R. Jenks came before me personally known and acknowledged that they executed the within certificate and I certify that I know the said Frank Lankton & Geo. R. Jenks who made the said acknowledgments to be the individuals who executed the said certificate[.]

A. B. Smith
Justice of the Peace

Recorded Oct. 27. 1884 at 2½ P.M.

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Transcriber's note: This entry contains a large number of misspelled words. Rather than noting these errors with "[sic]" I have typed them in a contrasting font.