

**Sherman, Chautauqua Co. NY  
(Sherman)**

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1870 being the day of regular Sunday Worship in the Universalist Church in the Village of Sherman Chautauqua County New York[,] notice was duly given from the pulpit by Rev. Isaac George[,] the regular Pastor of the congregation worshipping in said church[,] that a meeting of the members of the Society would be held in the church for the purpose of reorganizing a Universalist Society of said congregation on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1870 at 2 O Clock P.M.

Pursuant to said notice members of said Society met at said church on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February inst. at 2 O Clock P.M. and organized by choosing Cyril Hannum Chairman and William F. Green Secretary of the meeting. When upon motion of William F. Green the meeting at once adjourned to meet at the residence of Levi T. Harrington at 7½ O Clock P.M. of the same day[.]

At 7½ O.Clock P.M. meeting was called to order by the chairman pursuant to adjournment [,] there being present who voted and took part in said meeting C. S. Hannum[,] W. F. Green[,] C. Hall, George E. Bates[,] Mark Sheldon[,] S. B. Miller, C. O. Babbit[,] E. Gibbs[,] J. Thayer[,] David Paddock[,] N. S. Plato[,] Levi T. Harrington[,] Frank Woods and J. C. Maxfield. Upon motion of S. B. Miller ordered that we proceed to elect three Trustees. Carried. Also upon motion two tellers were appointed viz. S. B. Miller and George E. Bates[.] At once proceeded to ballot with the following result—W. F. Green 8 votes[,] M. S. Plato 1[,] Mark Sheldon 1. William F. Green was declared elected. Second Ballot. Chas. Hall rec. 10 votes[,] M. S. Plato 2 votes. Charles Hall declared elected. Third Ballot. Marcus S. Plato received 10 votes[,] Levi T. Harrington 1. Marcus S. Plato declared elected.

The trustees-elect at once proceeded to draw for term of office with the following result—Marcus S. Plato to serve three years[,] Charles Hall to serve two years[,] William F. Green to serve one year[.] Trustees at once proceeded to elect a Clerk when upon motion Cyril S. Hannum was duly elected and also upon motion Sheldon B. Miller was duly elected Collector and Treasurer[.] Erastus Gibbs made a motion that the Society be called the First Universalist Society of Sherman which motion was duly seconded and carried.

George E. Bates made a motion that the annual meeting of this Society be held upon the third Saturday of February of each year which motion was duly seconded and carried.

Upon motion meeting adjourned.

*William F. Green*  
Secy of Meeting  
*Cyril S. Hannum*  
Chair of Meeting

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On this 13<sup>th</sup> January A.D. 1872 personally appeared before me Cyril S. Hannum and William F. Green to me known to be the same persons who are mentioned as being the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting mentioned above and acknowledged that the matters therein set forth are in all respects true and correct and that they executed the same.

*Jerome J. Dean*  
Notary Public

Chautauqua County

Recorded January 18 A.D. 1872

*J. R. Robertson* clerk

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