

**Vernon, Ontario Co. NY**  
[now Benton, Yates Co.]

Vernon[, ] County of Ontario[, ] State of New York

This certificate may certify that at a meeting held at Elisha Coles according to the act passed in this state for the purpose of choosing trustees for the [F]irst Universalian Society in this county at same time it was unanimously agreed to choose nine trustees to take the charge, care, custody and possession of all the temporalities belonging to the said society according to law, agreeable to the constitution of the state of New York.

Trustees: Levi Benton Esq., Vernon [now Benton, Yates Co.]; Joshua Van Fleet, Farmington[;] Capt. Seldon Williams of Augusta [now Middlesex, Yates Co.]; Jonas Soyens [Sawens], Northfield [now Pittsford, Monroe Co.]; George Hosmer, Hartford [now Avon, Livingston Co.]; Capt. Martin Dudley, Canandaigua[;] Lemuel Gould, Canandaigua[;] Lemuel Babcock of Gorham [and] Aaron Gauge of Vernon.

*Thomas Billinghamurst*  
*Henry Badger*

By order of the Committee  
*Edwin Beers* clerk

State of New York  
Ontario County

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight before me Moses Atwater one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county came Edward Beers and made oath that he saw Thomas Billinghamurst and Henry Badger execute the above instrument as and for their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein ascribed. I do allow it recorded as such.

*Moses Atwater*

A true copy of the original, Received for record 18<sup>th</sup> June 1808 at 8 o'clock A.M. recorded and examined

*James B. Mower* clk

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