

**Alfred & Amity, Allegany Co. NY
(Phillips Creek*)**

We the undersigned two of the members of the religious society hereinafter mentioned do hereby certify that on the twenty fifth day of September instant [1848] the male persons belonging to a religious society in which Divine worship is celebrated according to the rites of the Universalist church and not already incorporated met at the place heretofore occupied by said church for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by plurality of votes Sanford Beach[,] Daniel Fuller and Edwin Baker as Trustees of said religious society and the said persons did then and there determine by a like plurality of votes that the said Trustees and their successors should forever hereafter be called and known as the first Universalist Society of Alfred and Amity[.] Witness our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of January 1849.

*Orson B. Clark
Harvey Thompson*

Signed and sealed in presence of George Waldorf

Allegany County

On this twenty seventh day of January 1849 personally before me appeared O. B. Clark and Harvey Thompson to me known to be the same persons described in and who acknowledged the execution of the within certificate—

C. M. Rice
Justice of the Peace

Recorded 14th July 1849 at A.M.

Martin Butts
Clerk

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*Strong historical evidence indicates that the hamlet of Phillips Creek, part of the town of Alfred when this record was written, was the actual location of the Universalist Society of Alfred and Amity. In 1856 Phillips Creek became part of the newly created town of Ward.