

**Attica, Wyoming Co. NY**

We, the undersigned, two of the members of the "Universalist Society of Attica," do hereby certify, that in pursuance of a notice publicly given for two successive Sabbaths, by the Minister of said Society, on which days said Society had statedly met for public worship[,] of the time when and place where the male members of said Society of full age would meet for the election of Trustees of said Society and to take measures for the incorporation of the same, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, and which notice was so given at least fifteen days before the time so specified for such meeting. A meeting of the male members of such society of full age was duly held at the time & place mentioned in said notice, to wit: on the twenty-first day of March 1877 at one o'clock in the fore noon of that day at St. Paul's Church, in the village of Attica, Wyoming county in the state of New York, at which meeting the undersigned were nominated and appointed by a majority of said members of said Society present to preside at such election, to receive the votes of the electors & to be the judges of the qualifications of such electors. And we do further certify that at such meeting it was voted and resolved by a majority of such electors so present and voting that such Society should be known and incorporated by the name of "The Universalist Society of Attica"[,] that the Trustees of said Society should be three in number, that at such meeting Alvin Starkey, William W. Dunbar & Warren S. Brown were by a majority of votes, duly elected such Trustees and that immediately after such election the Trustees so elected were divided into three classes to hold their offices respectively for one, two and three years to be determined by lot pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided and that then and there the said William W. Dunbar, drew the term of one year[,] the said Alvin Starkey, the term of two years and the said Warren S. Brown, the term of three years and were thus respectively elected for such terms as such Trustees, and we do further certify that the name or title by which said Trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be called and known, shall be the Trustees of "The Universalist Society of Attica."

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy seven.

*[Volney?] C. Barross*  
*Albert H. Lowing*

State of New York  
Wyoming County

On this 21 day of March 1877, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said county, came [Volney?] C. Barross and Albert H. Lowing to me known to be the persons described in and who subscribed the foregoing certificate in writing and severally acknowledged that they had executed the same.

*M.[Marvin] Trall* Notary Public

A true copy of the original, recorded March 22, 1877 at 3 o'clock A.M. and examined

*Chas. J. Gardner* Clerk

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