

Binghamton, Broome Co. NY

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the 31st day of March, 1891, the persons of full age belonging to the religious society know[n] as and called "The First Universalist Church of Binghamton, N.Y.," which is established in this state but not already incorporated did assemble at the place where they statedly attend for divine worship in the city of Binghamton [and] State of New York, and by plurality of voices did elect six discreet persons of said church as trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof: That at election every person of full age who has statedly worshipped with said church and had formerly been considered as belonging thereto, was entitled and given opportunity to vote, and the said election was conducted as follows. The minister of said church, viz: Rev. James P. Curtiss, did publicly notify the congregation of the time when and the place where the said election was to be held, more than fifteen days before the day of election; that the said notification was given for two consecutive Sabbaths on which said church did statedly meet for public worship preceding the day of election; that said church has no such officers as elders or church wardens and that we who are members of said church, viz: Willard C. Fowler and George Stearns were nominated by a majority of the members and did preside at said election, receive the votes of the electors, act as judges of the qualifications of such electors and do hereby return the names of the persons who, by plurality of voices were elected to serve as trustees for said church, viz: Oliver B. Marsh, Loren W. Derby, Cortland A. Wilber, Charles E. Taylor, Everton B. Potter, and Charles Brixius and the same and their successors in office forever shall be called and known as the trustees of the Universalist Church of Binghamton, New York. All of which is in accordance with and under the direction of the New York State Convention of Universalists. Witness our hands and seals this 31st day of March 1891.

Willard C. Fowler
George W. Stearns

State of New York
Broome County

On this 31st day of March 1891 before me personally came Willard C. Fowler and George Stearns to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing certificate and they depose and say that said certificate is wholly true and correct.

S. N. Mitchell
Commissioner of Deeds
City of Binghamton, NY.

Recorded March 31st 1891 at 4⁵⁰ p.m.

Henry Marean, clerk

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