

Bristol, Ontario Co. NY

In conformity with the statute concerning the incorporation of religious societies, we the subscribers do certify that at a meeting of the members of the First Universalist Society, held at their meeting house in the town of Bristol, Ontario County, on the tenth day of April 1837, called for the purpose of electing Trustees preparatory to being legally incorporated as a society[,] public notice having been given as the statute in such case requires, the subscribers Zephaniah W. Gooding and Arunah Jones (two of the members of said society) were chosen by the members present to receive the votes of the electors, [and] be the judges of the qualifications of the electors and the officers to return the names of the persons elected to serve as Trustees for the said society. Therefore we further certify that at the said meeting, Nathaniel Fisher, Benjamin Simmons, and Anson Packard, of Bristol aforesaid, were duly elected Trustees to be called and known (they and their successors in office) by the name or title of the Trustees of the first Universalist Society in Bristol. Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Z. W. Gooding
Arunah Jones

State of New York
Ontario County

On this twenty ninth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and thirty seven before me the subscriber a judge of the County Courts of Ontario County appeared Zephaniah Gooding and Arunah Jones with whom I am personally acquainted and known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same.

Edward Bradley

A true copy of the original recorded 3^d May 1837 at 1 o'clock and examined

[J?]. Simmons Dep Clerk

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