

New Lots, Kings Co. NY
(East New York)

We the undersigned two of the members of the Church Society hereinafter mentioned do hereby certify that on the twenty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty six at a meeting of the male persons of full age belonging to the said society for the purpose of incorporating the same which meeting was held at the house of Augustus Merrle¹ in the village of East New York said society having no place where they statedly assembled for divine worship and pursuant to notice duly given at least fifteen days before the day of election and on two successive Sabbaths on which said Society statedly met for public worship preceding [sic] the day of election by Augustus Merrle a member of said church the undersigned were nominated by a majority of members present as returning officers and that said male members did then and there elect by plurality of voices A.W.T.T. Peters Peter Brede [F. Andrae?] C. Hass C.A.B. Bergemann Philip Boon A. Merrle George Schiellein and Hermann Martens as trustees of said society and the said members did then and there also determine by the like plurality of voices that the said trustees and their successors should forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Evangelical Protestant Universalist Church[.] In witness whereof we have hereunto fixed our hands and seals this twenty second day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

C. A. B. Bergemann
A. Merrle

In presence of T. S. Marcellus

City of Brooklyn
Kings County

On this 16th day of November A.D. 1866 before me personally appeared C.A.B. Bergemann and A. Merrle to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

T. S. Marcellus
Commissioner of Deeds

Recorded Nov. 16th 1866 at 50 min. past 2 P.M.

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¹ Transcriber's note: His name is cited four times and appears to be spelled differently each time. This inconsistency is likely the result of poor handwriting, either on the part of the clerk's source or perhaps on the part of the clerk himself. "Merrle" is my best guess.