

**Brownville, Jefferson Co. NY
(Dexter)**

We Ralph Lasscell and Thomas Broadbent members of the first Universalist Society of the village of Dexter Jefferson Co. New York do certify that at Dexter aforesaid on the fifth day of September A.D. 1841 a religious society was organized according to the rules constitution and usages of the Universalists which said society is called the First Universalist Society of the village of Dexter Jefferson Co. New York and for the purpose of having the said society incorporated in pursuance of an act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies passed April fifth 1813 and the several acts amendatous of the same Do further certify that written notice was posted at the session room in the said village of Dexter where said society statedly meet to worship at least fifteen days before the day of election hereinafter set forth, and we do further certify that H. [Harvey] Boughton a minister of said society did at the session room aforesaid on two successive sabbaths before the day of election hereinafter set forth, notify the said society that on the fifth day of September in the A.D. 1841 at six o'clock on the afternoon in the session room in Dexter aforesaid an election would take place for the purpose of choosing six trustees to take charge of the state and property belonging thereto and to transact all the affairs relative to the temporalities thereof that at the time and place last aforesaid Ralph Lasscell and Thomas Broadbent two of the members of said society were duly chosen to preside and we further certify that by a plurality of the votes of the males of full age who statedly meet to worship with said society did elect Thomas Broadbent[,] John Maynard[,] Solon Stone[,] David Baker[,] Francis Winne and Eleazer Parker members of said society Trustees of the first Universalist Society of Dexter Jefferson Co. New York aforesaid... In witness whereof we the said Ralph Lasscell and Thomas Broadbent two of the members presiding as aforesaid have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one[.]

*Ralph Lasscell
Thomas Broadbent*

Jefferson County

On the 7th day of September 1841 personally appeared before me the above named Ralph Lasscell and Thomas Broadbent personally known to me to be the persons described in & who executed the above instrument and who severally acknowledged the execution of the above instrument to be their act & deed[.]

Jno. Thurmon
Judge Jefferson Co. Com. Pleas

Recorded Sep. 7, 1841

Daniel Lee Clerk

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