

## German Flatts, Herkimer Co. NY

At a meeting of citizens convened pursuant to legal notice at the house of Nathan S. Morgan in German Flatts on Saturday the third day of October A.D. 1829 Rufus Howard of Frankfort and W<sup>m</sup> B. Goff of Herkimer were chosen moderators, and A. W. Bowen secretary.

Meeting opened by prayer by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. [Dolphus] Skinner of Utica[,], after which upon motion the meeting formed themselves into a society to be called the "Universalist Society of German Flatts" and adopted a constitution. On motion it was resolved the Society proceed to elect five trustees for the government of the temporalities thereof agreeable to the statutes for regulating religious societies in the State of New York; whereupon counting the ballots Rufus Howard, Prentis Yeomans, Gibson J. Stranahan, Thomas Hawks and W<sup>m</sup> B. Goff were found to be elected. It was further resolved that Rufus Howard's term of office should expire at the end of one year; that Prentis Yeoman's and Gibson J. Stranahan's term of office should expire at the end of two years; and that Thomas Hawks and Wm. B. Goff's term of office should expire at the end of three years from their appointments.

It was also further resolved the following article be inserted between the fifth and sixth articles of the adopted constitution, more than two thirds of the members concurring.

"Article Sixth. This Society shall appoint annually on or before the first day of June two of its members as Delegates to attend the Association within the boundaries of which it belongs." Adjourned[.]

*William B. Goff*  
*Rufus Howard*

State of New York  
Herkimer County

I certify that on the sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine personally appeared before John Mahon[,], one of the judges of the county courts in and for the County aforesaid, William B. Goff and Rufus Howard[,], to me known to be the same persons that executed the within Religious Resolutions as Moderators of the within organized meeting, and acknowledged the execution of the same for the purposes within expressed.

*John Mahon*

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*A. Beckwith* clk

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