

**Bath, Steuben Co. NY**

Steuben County

Be it remembered that at a meeting of the male members of the Universalist Society held at the Methodist episcopal church in the town and village of Bath on the 23d day of February 1833, pursuant to public Notice and according to the Statute incorporating and regulating religious societies in such case made and provided, J. D. Shuart & A. Hosmer were duly nominated and elected to preside at said meeting, and to certify and return the proceedings thereof to the clerk of said county. That [at] said meeting it was unanimously resolved and agreed that said society should forever hereafter be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "First Universalist Society" in the town of Bath, that the following persons were then and there duly elected trustees of said society, to wit: Henry Smith[,], Elijah Hanks[,], Christopher Rowe[,], J. D. Shuart[,], Simpson Ellis[,], and Royal Knight, and that said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be known and called by the name and title of the first Universalist Society.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

*J. D. Shuart*  
*Arnold Hosmer*

Steuben County

On the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1833, before me George C. Edwards, first Judge of the said county came J. D. Shuart & Arnold Hosmer to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the above certificate who severally acknowledged to me that they had executed the said certificate.

*Geo. C. Edwards*

Recorded 7 Sept. 1833

*H. Bull* clerk

Steuben County Incorporation Records, p. 12