

**Canisteo, Steuben Co. NY**

State of New York  
Steuben County

We the undersigned two of the members of the First Universalist Society on the Swale in the town of Canisteo in the said county of Steuben hereafter mentioned do hereby certify that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1852 the male members of full age belonging to said congregation in which divine worship is celebrated according to the rights [sic] of the said church and not already incorporated met at the place of worship heretofore occupied by said congregation in the town of Canisteo in said county for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then & there elect by a plurality of voices Miles Powell[, ] Silas Hatch[, ] and Milton Burdic as trustees for the said society and the said persons did then & 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 Trustees of the First Universalist Society on the Swale in the Town of Canisteo.

Witness our hands & Seals this first day of July 1852  
In the presence of N. Lawyer

*Asa Downs*  
*Stephen P. Sexton*

Steuben Co.

On this first day of July 1852 before me personally came Asa Downs and Stephen P. Saxton to me known to be the individuals who executed the within instrument of organization and then and there acknowledged that they had executed the same for the purpose therein mentioned.

*N. Lawyer*  
Justice of the Peace

Steuben County Incorporation Records, p. 194