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Be it known that A. H. Marshall the minister of the religious Society commonly known as the "First Universalist Society of the Town of Hamilton" in the County of Madison and State of New York having publicly notified the congregation of the time when and place where an Election would be held, to wit, at the Meeting House of said Society in the said Town of Hamilton where said Society stated attends for divine worship to elect a number of discreet persons of said Congregation & Society not less than three nor exceeding nine in number as Trustees to take charge of the estate & property belonging thereto and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof; and that at such election every male person of full age who has stately worshiped with such congregation or society and [h]as formally been considered as belonging thereto would be entitled to vote, which said notice was publicly given as aforesaid at least fifteen days before the day of election and that such notification was given for two successive Sabbaths on which said Congregation & Society met for public worship preceding this 27th day of October 1866, the day of such election, and further notifying said Congregation & Society that such election would take place at the Meeting House of said Society in said Town of Hamilton on the 27th day of October in the year 1866 at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day and the said "The First Universalist Society of the Town of Hamilton" having been established for a great number of years and for a long time having held stated meetings for divine worship at their Meeting House in said Town of Hamilton and the Minister of said Society having publicly notified the congregation that the male persons of full age belonging to such congregation or society would assemble at the said Meeting House on the 27th day of October 1866 at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day to elect a number of discreet persons of said congregation or society not less than three nor exceeding nine in number as Trustees by a plurality of voices, and whereas public notice has been given to said Congregation for the election of said Trustees in the manner & during the time required by law. Now, therefore, we, two of the members of said Congregation or Society were on said 27th day of October 1866 at the House aforesaid at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, nominated by a majority of the members present to preside at such election. And we the said returning officers do hereby certify that the male persons of full age belonging to said Congregation or religious Society did assemble at said meeting house pursuant to said notice on the day and at the hour aforesaid & having nominated the undersigned by a majority of the members present to preside at said Election, we did preside at said Election & receive the votes of the Electors & do hereby certify and return the names of the persons who by a plurality of voices were elected to serve as Trustees of said Congregation & Society, to wit, the persons hereinafter named. And we do further certify that on the day aforesaid & at

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the place aforesaid the male persons of full age belonging to said Congregation or religious Society worshiping at said Meeting House met at said place of public worship at said Meeting House in said Town of Hamilton for the purpose of incorporating themselves & did then & there elect by plurality of voices Daniel S. Brainard[,] Elihu Thompson and William R. Webster as Trustees of the said Church Corporation and the said persons did then & there also determine by the like plurality of voices that said Trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known by the name & title of the First Universalist Church & Society of the Town of Hamilton. Dated Oct. 27, 1866.

C. R. Nash
Harry Haynes

State of New York
Madison County

On this 27th day of October 1866 personally & severally appeared before me the within named C. R. Nash & Harry Haynes severally to me known to be the persons described in & who executed the within instrument and severally acknowledged the execution thereof.

Uri V. Rhoades
Justice of the Peace in said County

Recorded Nov. 12, 1866 at 3h P.M.

Jas. Fitch Dep Clerk

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