

## Hartford, Washington Co. NY

At a meeting of persons convened for the purpose of forming a religious society holden at the house of Calvin Townson in the town of Hartford on the sixteenth day of April 1838 after and according to notice given at the usual place of holding the stated meetings for public worship of the people proposing to form said society[,] said notice having been given at least fifteen days previous to said meeting and on the two last successive sabbaths preceding the said meeting[,] Anson Brayton & Daniel Smith were unanimously nominated to preside at the election and to canvass the votes of the electors for trustees of a religious society to be known by the style and title of the "first Universalist Society of Hartford"[,] whereupon said Brayton & Smith received the votes of all persons present for nine trustees and upon counting the votes the following persons were unanimously chosen trustees, viz—Samuel Harris[,] Eli Smith & Anson Brayton first class to be trustees for one year[,] Benjamin Hyde[,] Daniel Smith & Levi Hatch second class for two years[, and] Jacob Bump[,] Burroughs Maynard & Calvin Townson third class for three years[.] We the undersigned hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the proceedings of a meeting stated above[.] In witness whereof we have set our hands and seals this sixteenth day of April 1838 at Hartford[.]

*Anson Brayton*  
*Daniel Smith*

State of New York  
County of Washington

I certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1838 before me personally appeared the within named Anson Brayton & Daniel Smith and they acknowledged to me that they executed the within instrument for the uses and purposes therein set forth[.]

*William P. Allen*  
Com[.] of deeds &c

I certify the preceding to be a true record of the original certificate and of the commissioner's certificate of allowance thereon endorsed[.]  
Recorded September 5, 1838

*Edward Dodd* Clerk

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