

Jamestown, Chautauqua Co. NY

We the undersigned members of the Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, Chautauque County N.Y. do hereby certify, that pursuant to notice duly given according to Section third of act entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation of religious Societies" passed April 5th 1813, the male members of full age of said Society or Congregation met at the "Academy Hall" in said Village of Jamestown on the 8th day of March 1858, for the purpose of forming a Universalist Society and to elect Trustees for the same, that at such meeting the undersigned were duly appointed by a majority of the members present, to preside at such election, and we further certify that the following named persons were then and there by a plurality of voices duly elected as such Trustees, viz. William F. Clark, William H. Tew, James D. Sprague, Lewis D. Taft and Austin Ruggles who and their successors in office, shall hereafter forever be called and known as the Trustees of the Universalist Society in Jamestown, and we further certify that immediately after such election, the said Trustees were divided by lot into three classes to wit William T. Clark & William H. Tew constitute the first class and hold their office for the term of one year, that James L. Sprague constitute the second class and hold his office for the term of two years, and that Lewis D. Taft and Austin Ruggles constitute the third class and hold their office for the term of three years.—

In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals this 8th day of March 1858[.]

Rufus Pier
A. C. Sprague

State of New York
Chautauqua County

On this 20th day of March 1858 personally appeared before me Rufus Pier and James L. Sprague and severally acknowledged that they executed the above certificate and I certify that I know the persons who made the said acknowledgements to be the same persons described in and who executed the above instrument.

Job Davis
Justice of the Peace

Chautauqua County
Recorded March 23d A.D. 1858 at 1 P.M.

H. A. Risley Clerk

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