

**Jerusalem, Yates Co., NY  
(Branchport)**

We the undersigned two of the members of the religious society hereafter mentioned do hereby certify that on the 9th day of April instant the male persons of full age belonging to a religious society in which divine worship is celebrated according to the rites of the Unaversalist [sic] Church and not already incorporated met at the place of public worship heretofore occupied by said religious society in the Village of Branchport in said county for the purpose of Incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by plurality of voices Bradly Shearman, James Stever and John F. Coleburn as Trustees of said religious society and the said persons did then and there determine by like plurality of voices that the said Trustees and there [sic] successors should forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Trustees of the first Unaversalist [sic] society of Branchport. Witness our hands & seals this 12th day of April 1851[.]

*Ira Pearce  
Peter H. Bitley*

Signed & Sealed in presence of Saml. [i.e. Sam'l.] S. Millspaugh

State of New York  
Yates County

On this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord 1852 before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county came Ira Pearce and Peter H. Bitley whom I know to be the Persons described in and who signed the within Certificate and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same[.]

*Saml. S. Millspaugh*

A true copy of the original recorded March 30, 1852 at 11 a.m. and examined

*Alfred Reed* Clerk

Yates County Miscellaneous Records #2, p. 174