

**Lyme, Jefferson Co. NY
(Chaumont)**

We[,] P.P. Gaige and Elijah Graves[,] members of the first Universalist Society of the village of Chaumont Jefferson Co. N.Y. do certify that at Chaumont aforesaid the 8th day of September A.D. 1851 a religious Society was organized according to the rules constitutions and usages of the Universalist Society of the village of Chaumont Jefferson Co. N.Y. and for the purposes of having said Society incorporated in pursuance of an act to provide for the incorporation of Religious Societies passed April fifth 1813 and the several acts amendatory of the same. Do further certify that written notice was posted at the School House in said village of Chaumont where said Society stately meets to worship at least fifteen days before election hereinafter set forth and we do further certify that W^m McNeal a minister of said Society did at School House aforesaid at two successive sabbaths before the day of election hereinafter set forth notify the said society that on the 8th day of September in the A.D. 1850 at one o'clock in the afternoon in the school house in Chaumont aforesaid an election would take place for the purpose of choosing 3 trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto and to transact all the affairs relative to the temporalities thereof[;] That at the time and place last aforesaid P.P. Gaige and Elijah Graves members of said society were duly chosen to preside and we further certify that by a plurality of the votes of the males of full age who stately met to worship with said society did elect David Bowman, Elijah Graves [and] Andrew Inman members of society Trustees of the first Universalist Society of Chaumont Jefferson County N.Y. aforesaid... In witness whereof we the said [record was left unfinished]

*P. P. Gaige
Elijah Graves*

Jefferson County

I certify that on the 13th day of October 1850 P.P. Gaige and Elijah Graves the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing certificate are to me well known to be the individuals therein described that they personally appeared before me and were by me duly sworn that said certificate was true in all respects[.]

W^m Carlise
Justice of the Peace

Recorded December 30th 1851

Isaac Munson Clk

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