

Madison, Madison Co. NY

Be it known that A. T. Marshall the Minister of the Religious Society commonly known as the First Universalist Society of the Town of Madison[,] in the County of Madison and State of New York[,] having publicly notified the congregation of the time when and place where a Election would be held[,] to wit at the Meeting House of said Society in the said town of Madison where said Society stately attend for divine worship to elect a number of discreet persons of said Congregation and Society not less than three nor exceeding nine in number as Trustees to take charge of the Estate and property belonging thereto and to transact all affairs relating 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 as formerly 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 and Society stately met for public worship preceding this 10th day of December 1866 the day of such election and further notifying said congregation and Society that such election would take place at the Meeting House of said Society in said town of Madison on the 10th day of December in the year 1866 at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day and the said The First Universalist Society of the town of Madison having been established for a great number of years and for a long time having had stated meetings for divine worship at this meeting house in said town of Madison and the minister 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 10th day of December 1866 at 2 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 and during the time required by law. Now therefore we two of the members of said congregation or Society were on said 10th day of December 1866 at the House aforesaid at the hour of two 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 such meeting house pursuant to such notice on the day and at the time aforesaid and having nominated the undersigned by a majority of the members present to preside at said Election we did preside at said Election and receive the votes of the electors and 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 and Society to wit the persons hereinafter named[.] And we do further certify that on the day aforesaid the male persons of full age belonging to said Congregation or religious Society

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worshipping at said Meeting House met at said place of public worship at said Meeting House in said town of Madison for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by a plurality of voices T. W. W. Washburn[,] Seymore Lewis [and] John H. Lewis as Trustees of the said Church corporation and the said persons did then and 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 and title of the First Universalist Church and Society of the town of Madison.

Ransom Curtiss
John H. Lewis

Dated Dec. 10 1866

State of New York
Madison County

On this 10th day of December 1866 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid appeared Ransom Curtiss and John H. Lewis who being duly sworn depose and say that the facts set forth in the within certificate are correct and true.

Subscribed and sworn this 10th day of Dec 1866

F. H. Manchester
Justice of the Peace

Recorded March 8th 1866 at 3h p.m.

C. Whitford Clerk

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