

**Madrid, St. Lawrence Co. NY
(Columbia)**

Whereas notice has been duly given according to law for the formation of a Society to be stiled [sic] the first Universalist Society in the town of Madrid, and whereas a number of the members did meet pursuant to such notice at the house of Lorenzo Lockwood in the village of Columbia on the 30th day of March inst. for the purpose of organizing such meeting, which being called to order Joseph Freeman Esq. was appointed chairman of said meeting. Whereupon Alfred Goss and H. B. Richardson were appointed by a majority of the members present to preside and to receive the votes of the Electors for trustees of the said Society. We do therefore hereby certify that the following persons were elected, viz. Hiram Winslow, William McGowan and Ezekiel Abernathy were duly elected as such trustees.

Given under our hands and seals at the town of Madrid March 31st 1841

In presence of [?] before signing

W. L. Read
C. S. Goss
Alfred Goss
H. B. Richardson

St. Lawrence County

On this 9th day of April in the year 1841 Alfred Goss and H. B. Richardson came before me and severally acknowledged that they had executed the above certificate. I also certify that I know the said Alfred Goss and H. B. Richardson who made the said acknowledgment to be the same individuals described in and who executed the said conveyance or certificate.

Thomas Wright J[ustice of the] Peace

Recorded April 28th, 1841 at 11 o'clock A.M.

A. C. Dow clerk

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