

Massena, St. Lawrence Co. NY

This may certify that at a meeting of persons professing themselves to be believers in the doctrine of Universal Salvation from sin by Grace and holden in the Town of Massena on the twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Religious Society agreeably to the Statute of this State for such purposes made and provided. Said meeting proceeded to the business of organizing by calling Rev. E. A. Garfield to the chair and Alfred Colburn clerk. The meeting then were [sic] called by the chairman to the election of officers for said Society by acclamation[.] Martin S. Crowley was chosen clerk, Alfred Colburn Treasurer, and Cornelius Barns, Enos Beach, and Joseph Tucker, Trustees[.] Also resolved that the Society thus organized shall be distinguished and known by the name of the "First Universalist Society of Massena." Done in the presence of the meeting this 21st day of September 1835.

E. A. Garfield Moderator
A. Colburn Clerk

Attest

W. S. Paddock

State of New York
St. Lawrence County

On this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1836 came before me E. A. Garfield and A. Colburn known to me as the persons described in and who executed the within instrument and they did severally acknowledge to have executed the same for uses and purposes therein mentioned[.] No alteration appearing let the same be recorded[.]

W. S. Paddock
Commissioner of Deeds

Recorded Oct. 12, 1836 at 2 o'clock P.M.

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