

Massena, St. Lawrence Co. NY

Certificate of Incorporation

This is to certify that at a meeting held at the First Universalist Church of Massena, New York, on the 12th day of November, nineteen hundred, pursuant to a notice dated the twenty seventh day of October nineteen hundred and signed by Charles F. Ober, Eunice Ober, H. G. Clark, Jessie W. Boyle, Hiram Russell, [and] J. H. Clark[,] all being members in good and regular standing of the unincorporated church known as the First Universalist Church of Massena, N.Y., by admission into full communion of membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such church and of the Universalist general convention which is the governing ecclesiastical body to which said church belongs, or persons who have statedly worshiped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next prior to, which notice was duly posted conspicuously on the outside of the main entrance of the place of worship of said unincorporated church at least fifteen days before the day specified therein for such meeting, to wit, on the twenty seventh day of October, nineteen hundred, and was publicly read at each of the two next regular meetings of such unincorporated church for public worship at least one week apart, at morning service, to wit on Sunday the 28th day of October 1900 and on Sunday the 11th day of November 1900 by the officiating minister of said church.

A majority of all persons of full age, who were then members in good standing of such church by admission into full communion and membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof of the Universalist General Convention, which is the governing ecclesiastical body of the denomination to which said church belongs; or who have statedly worshiped in such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding said meeting, were present, said majority being more than six in number.

That at said meeting Charles F. Ober being the chair and one of the trustees of said church presided and received the votes cast.

That all questions at said meeting were decided by ballot. That at said meeting the polls were kept open one hour, and were not required to be kept open longer by a majority of the voters present. That the following questions were determined thereat: 1. That said unincorporated church should become incorporated. 2. That the name of the proposed Corporation be "The First Universalist Church of Massena, New York." 3. That the number of trustees shall be six. 4. That the first annual meeting for the election of trustees of said corporation shall be held the last Saturday of December 1901. 5. That the principal place of worship of said corporation is located in the Village of Massena, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York. That said Meeting also elected the following persons as trustees of said corporation viz—for the first year Dr. Charles F. Ober and H.

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Benjamin Chase to hold the office until the next annual election of trustees. E. Mattoon Smith & Wm. R. Stearnz to hold office until the second annual election of trustees. Mrs. Jessie Boyle & Mrs. Eunice M. Ober to hold office until the third annual election of trustees of said corporation.

In witness whereof we Charles F. Ober, the presiding officer of said meeting and H. G. Clark and William Boyle the other persons voting and present thereat have hereunto set our hands and seals this 12th day of November in the year Nineteen Hundred.

Charles F. Ober
H. G. Clark
William Boyle

State of New York
County of St. Lawrence

On this 12th day of November in the year nineteen hundred before me came Charles F. Ober, H. G. Clark, & William Boyle to me known and known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally duly acknowledged that they executed the same.

G. E. Butler
Justice of the Peace

Recorded November 24th, 1900

C. N. Reynolds
Dep. Clk

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