

**Middlebury, Genesee Co. NY**  
**[South Middlebury]**

We the undersigned John Eaton and Paul Hawes having been nominated by a Majority of the members present who have stately worshipped with and been considered as belonging to the first Uneversalist society in the Towns of Middlebury and Covington in the county of Genesee to preside at a Meeting of said Society held pursuant to the third section of an Act to provide for the incorporation of Religious societies passed April 5<sup>th</sup> 1813 do hereby certify that at said meeting held at the Dwelling house of P. Hawes in S. Middlebury on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1821 agreeable to previous notice voted that Timothy Cruttendon[,] Peleg Ewell & Samuel W. Curtis be Trustees of said society and it was resolved that the said trustees and their successors in office shall forever hereafter be called and known by the name and title of the trustees of the first Universalian Society in the towns of Middlebury and Covington[.] Given under our hands and seals this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1821 at Middlebury aff<sup>s</sup>.

In presents [sic] of Sam<sup>l</sup> W. Curtis

*John Eaton*  
*Paul Hawes*

State of New York  
Genesee County

I do certify that on [the] twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one personally came before me Russel Abel[,] one of the commissioners for taking the acknowledgment of deeds[,] Samuel W. Curtis well known to me who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was present and saw John Eaton and Paul Hawes the within signors execute the within Deed that this deponent subscribed his name as witness to the execution thereof that the deponent knew the said John Eaton and Paul Hawes to be the same persons described in the said deed which to me is satisfactory evidence of the fact above stated[.] [L]et the same be recorded[.]

*Russel Abel*

Recorded Examined and Compared September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1821 at 4 o'clock P.M.

*R. Coffin* Dep. Clk

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