

**Minden, Montgomery Co. NY
(Fort Plain)**

State of New York
Montgomery County

Whereas according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, represented in Senate & Assembly providing for the incorporation of Religious Societies, passed April 5th, eighteen hundred & thirteen, the members of the first Universalist Society in Minden, met at the School House in the Village of Fort Plain on the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three pursuant to public notice duly given according to said act for the purpose of electing Trustees for said Society[.] Henry Cook & Solomon Landers Jun. two of the members present were nominated & duly elected by a majority of the members present to preside at said election, being so organized in pursuance of said act to elect five Trustees, one Clerk & one Treasurer for the purpose of taking charge of the estate & property belonging to said Society, & to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof. We the subscribers do by these presents certify that Jacob Hand, Daniel Gros, John Lighthall, Henry I. Moyer & Henry Cook were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and Solomon Sanders, Jun. was duly elected Clerk of said Society, and Jacob Hand, Treasurer of said Society, and that the Trustees, Clerk & Treasurer of said Society & successors forever shall as a body corporate be called, distinguished & known by the name, style & title of the First Universalist Society in Minden in the county of Montgomery. In witness whereof we the said Henry Cook & Solomon Sanders, Jun. have set our hands & seals the day & year last above written.

*Henry Cook
Solomon Sanders, Jun.*

In the presence of John Krake

State of New York
Montgomery County

On the 29th day of January 1834, personally appeared before me Abraham Morrell, First Judge of Montgomery County Courts, John Krake personally known to me who being by me sworn in due form of law, upon his oath says that he resides in the town of Minden in said county, & did so reside at the time of the election of the within certificate, that he saw the within named Henry Cook & Solomon Sanders, Junior both personally known to him[,] execute the within certificate as their voluntary act & deed for the uses & purposes therein mentioned, & that he knows the said Henry Cook & Solomon Sanders, Junior to be the individuals mentioned & described in the within certificate & who executed the same, that he at the time of the execution of the said certificate, signed his name thereto as a subscribing witness. And I, the said Judge being satisfied that the said John Krake is such subscribing witness & being also satisfied of the truth of all the above matters, I allow the same to be recorded.

Abm. Morrell

Recorded 29th January 1834.

Geo. D. Ferguson, clerk

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