

Newport, Herkimer Co. NY

We the subscribers hereby certify that at a meeting held at the Village of Newport on the first day of May 1824 for the purpose of organizing a Religious Society (agreeable to an act passed April 5th 1813) a religious Society was formed by the name of "The First Universalist Society of Newport[,] " that we were chosen to preside at the meeting to decide on the qualifications of Electors, and determine who were elected officers of the same, and we accordingly certify that Stephen Clarke, John Burton[,] James Keith Jr.[,] Israel Allen[,] Tho^s Biddlecome[,] Dan^l Schermerhorn and John Kniffin were duly chosen Trustees of said Society.

Given under our hands and seals this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four in presence of James [?]

John Burton
William C. Hopping

Herkimer County

On the 10 day of May 1824 before me Sherman Wooster[,] Commissioner &c. came John Burton & William Hopkins known to me and they severally acknowledged they executed the within instrument for the use & purposes therein mentioned and having examined the same and finding no errors therein I do allow the said instrument to be recorded.

Sherman Wooster
Commissioner to take acknowledgements

Recorded June 24, 1824

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