

**New York, New York Co. NY**

We the subscribers do hereby certify that on the third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six a meeting was held at Washington Hall Harlem in the Third Avenue in the City of New York called by a public notice to the congregation by the Reverend Elbridge G. Brooks fifteen days before such meeting for the purpose of choosing trustees for the church corporation or Society worshipping in said Washington Hall and called the Harlem Universalist Society[;] That at such meeting the subscribers being two of the members of said church were nominated by a majority of the male subscribers of full age to preside at such election receive the votes of the electors and be judges of the qualifications of such electors and to receive the names of the persons who by a plurality of voices were elected to serve as Trustees of said society[;] That at such meeting Thomas Wilson[,] James M. Stedman[,] Caleb Fordham[,] Russell G. Allen[,] James Y. Watkins Jr.[,] John C. (Griff?) and Robert A. Adams were elected by a plurality of votes and by persons entitled to vote to serve as trustees for such congregation or society[;] And that the name or title by which such trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be called and known shall be The Harlem Universalist Society. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written

*A. B. Lane  
Charles Ostrander*

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Oren E. Wilson

City and County of New York

On this fourth day of October AD 1866 before me came Oren E. Wilson to me personally known who being by me duly sworn says that he resides in the city of New York[,] that he knows Alonzo B. Lane and Charles Ostrander to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate[,] that they acknowledged the execution of the same in his presence and that he thereupon subscribed his name to such execution as the subscribing witness[.]

*John G. McAdam*  
Notary Public City of New York

Recorded the preceding at the request of [?] A. Adams Oct 4th 1866 at 11 o'clock

*John M. [\_\_\_?]* Reg.

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