

[Attica, Wyoming Co. NY]

Universalist Society

A ladies' aid society was formed, which culminated in the formation of this society.

The first Universalist conference in this village was held in the German Lutheran church, on Washington street, February 9th and 10th, 1870. Revs. C. C. Dutton, R. G. Goodenough, S. [Stephen] Crane, G. P. Hubbard and ____ [Benjamin B.] Hallock officiated. There was no preaching from that time until March 27th, when Rev. F. S. Bacon preached for the society in Templars' Hall. By a vote of the Templars, the Universalist society was denied further use of the hall, and services were held by Revs. F. S. Bacon and G. P. Hibbard in the Academy building until August 29th, when, by a vote of the authorities having charge of the school building, this society was again deprived of a place of worship. The society then hired Dory's Hall, where services were held until W. B. Goodwin arranged a hall over his store, on Market street. This the society fitted up at an expense of \$400, and services were held regularly until the spring of 1878, when financial embarrassments of the principal supporters of the society caused a suspension of preaching for a time. The following are the names of the early members of the society: W. W. Dunbar and wife, Miss D. Dunbar, Mr. E. Jolles and wife, Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mr. V. C. Barross and wife, Mrs. E. C. Williams, Mrs. M. Munger, Mrs. O. Earll, Mrs. M. Earll, C. Morgan and wife, Miss E. Guile, Miss S. Guile, Mrs. L. Shepherd, Mrs. J. Washburn, L. Pratt, W. B. Goodwin, Mrs. L. Lovelace, J. W. Colton, C. McCord and wife, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mrs. Wadsworth, O. Davis and wife.

The society was incorporated in pursuance of action taken at a meeting in St. Paul's church, March 21st, 1877, and named the Universalist Society of Attica.

Frederick W. Beers, *History of Wyoming County, N. Y.*
(New York: 1880), p. 59