

May 13, 1950.

Dear Fred:

I have your letter of the 12th inst advising of the offer of \$750 for the Portageville Church.

At our last Board Meeting we two were authorized to dispose of this property at \$700 or more and I am inclined to say accept the offer. I agree with your thought that you hate to see it go at that figure but on the other hand it is not in very good repair- is in little community where I doubt if the Universalists can ever get going again- the place is not a growing one- and I feel this is as good an offer as we may ever get. On the other hand if you want to hold on to it awhile longer in the effort to get a better price I am perfectly willing to go along with you on it even though I feel as above.

I would say however that we should meet down there before closing the deal and go over things together to make sure that we take out anything of value to the Convention or that might be used in other Churches. You will recall that the Board resolution makes mention of removing things.

I could meet you down there most any time if I know a little while in advance. Let me know what you think of this.

Sincerely,



June 6, 1950

Rev. Gerald H. Greene
Springwater, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Greene :

Atty. Donald W. Beebe - 373 Argonne Drive in Kenmore, N.Y.,
and I are in charge of the sale of our church and land in
Portageville.

Following correspondence on the matter, we have decided to
accept your offer of \$750.00 - cash - for the same.

As an expression of seriousness in the matter, I suggest
that you pay the sum of \$50.00 on the transaction whereby
your society will owe the sum of \$700.00 on the delivery of
the deed.

Mr. Beebe will prepare the papers for the transaction.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Please send the check to Mr. Beebe - who is the
treasurer of the New York State Convention of Universalists.

MRS. CHARLES WALLACE

BOX 156

CASTILE, NEW YORK - June 14, 1950

Rev. Fred Leining
526 Cumberland Ave.
Syracuse, N.Y.
Head of Universalist Association.

Dear Sir:

As I am one of the very few, one time a member of the Universalist Church of Portageville N.Y. my father Edward Guesled and his wife (my mother) were always members there and very attentive and so was I before I left the town.

There are now hardly any of the members left.

I was talking with Floyd Smith, who lives in Portageville, he loaned me the key as I wanted to go in and look it over just for "Old times sake".

Nothing of course much left there. It is in sort of bad shape, birds have

been getting in I guess thru the
belfry and making a mess.
my father was deacon and
trustee, used to watch my father
ring the bell, which is still
there I guess and they cleaned
trimmed and filled the oil lamps
so many, many times, used to
sing and play that old organ
which is gone. Sang in choir.

Floyd that by writing you, he
gave me your address, I could
find out about getting those
two lamps on pulpit, also
the old Bible.

It is a wonder some one dont
break in and help themselves to
the lamps. They are a real keep
sake is what I would want them
for.

Some thing should be done with
the building ^{and} it will go to ruin.

Please let me know in regards
to your opinion, especially on
lamps.

Sincerely - Mrs. Nina Guest Wallace
Castile, N.Y. BX-156.

"The motion was made, duly seconded and carried, that the secretary and treasurer shall sell the church property at Portageville, N.Y., for the sum of \$700.00 or more, reserving such furnishings as the Convention may desire and to be disposed of as the Committee may decide - and the President and the Secretary are hereby authorized to sign such papers as are necessary in the transaction."

I, FRED C. LEINING, hereby certify that I am Secretary of the New York State Convention of Universalists and that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Executive Board of said New York State Convention of Universalists duly called and held on January 30, 31, 1950, at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout and that the said resolution has not since been altered or amended.

I also further certify that Howard B. Gilman is the President; Ralph W. Stoddard is the Vice President; Donald W. Beebe is the Treasurer of said New York State Convention of Universalists, duly elected and acting as such at this time.

Dated: *June 21*, 1950.

A T T E S T:

Fred C. Leining
Secretary

ST. BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

24410 OAKLAND ROAD
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO

THE REV. WM. S. BROWN
Minister in Charge
TRINITY 1-2572
July 22, 1950

The Rev. Frederick C. Leining
526 Cumberland Ave.
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago, while vacationing at Letchworth State Park, I was very interested in the old churches in the neighborhood. Among them was the First Universalist Church of Portageville. Mr. Smith at the Shell Gas Station kindly gave me the key, so that I could see the interior.

It is my understanding that the church is for sale. As we are in the process of constructing a Church, Colonial in design here in Bay Village, I am greatly interested in the box pews in that church in Portageville. I realize that if you are able to sell the church to another congregation, they will want the pews, but I am writing now to inform you that we would be very interested in purchasing the pews at a price agreeable to both of us, in the event that the church is sold to someone who does not intend to use it for church purposes.

It is a beautiful little church, and it would seem too bad if the furniture were to be destroyed, rather than put to good use. I am writing on the off chance that arrangements might be made for us to have the pews.

Please let me hear from you, concerning this possibility.

Cordially yours,

William S. Brown
William S. Brown

*Dear Donald:
Please write Mr.
Brown on the above.
Thanking you
Fred C. Leining*

Portageville, N.Y.
Sept. 27, 1950.

Dear Mr. Beebe

Your letter of the 25th received in regard to the setee in the Church. This morning I moved it to my store, where it is now on exhibition as an antique over 100 years old.

If the right person came along I might realize a good sale but if I never sell it I thank you very much for leaving it to me, for Marvin Wood Grandfather of my wife, was a charter member and helped as a carpenter to build the Church and my Grandfather Smith was also a member.

Again thanking you, I am
Very Truly Yours

Floyd A. Smith

September 25, 1950

Operator
Shell Oil Station
Portageville, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Universalist Church property, as you know, is in the process of being sold and I am tomorrow sending the Deed to the purchaser. The purchaser does not want to buy the antique setee that is in the place and I am wondering if you wouldn't want to go over and take it out, put it in your store and get what you can out of it for yourself.

I have been told that it is worth at least \$25.00 and it might be worth considerably more. If you are interested in this I wish you would take it out immediately and write me that you have done so so that there won't be any dispute about it with the purchaser.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD W. BEEBE,
Treasurer

DWB:car

COUNTY COURT, WYOMING COUNTY, NEW YORK.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION

-of-

NELLIE GIFFORD, a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, for leave to convey and transfer its real property and personal property, including certain bank accounts, to the New York State Convention of Universalists.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COUNTY COURT OF WYOMING COUNTY, NEW YORK:

The petition of Nellie Gifford respectfully shows to this Court:

FIRST: That your petitioner resides in the Village of Castile, Wyoming County, New York, and is a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, otherwise sometimes known as Universalist Society or Portageville Universalist Society.

SECOND: That the real property of said Church was conveyed to the Trustees of the First Universalist Church of the Town of Portage by Deed dated May 20, 1841, and recorded February 7, 1844 in the Clerk's office for the County of Allegany, in Liber 16 of Deeds at page 613. A certified copy of said Deed is attached hereto. Said real property consists of a parcel of land at Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, on which the Church edifice is located, and is described in said Deed as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Portage in the County of Allegany and State of New York in Lot number ninety-eight (98) and number ninety-nine (99) of Elisha Johnsons Subdivision of the Cottinger tract in the said County and bounded as follows that is to say beginning on the Southerly line of Pike Street or Road so called run by D. Ridsen Surveyor Eight feet Northerly in a direct line from the Northeast corner of the foundation wall laid for the erection of a Universalist Church thence running Westerly on the line of said Street or Road 60 feet- Thence Southerly at right angles of said Street 100 feet- thence Easterly at right angles of

the last mentioned line 60 feet- thence
Northerly at right angles of the last mentioned
line 100 feet to the place of beginning.

The original Town of Portage was set off or separated from the County of Allegany in 1846, the part containing the hamlet or village of Portageville, in which the above described property is located, becoming the Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York.

THIRD: That the New York State Convention of Universalists was incorporated by Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862 of New York, as amended, and pursuant to Section 3 thereof is the incorporated governing body having jurisdiction over said Church and all other Universalist Churches in the State of New York, "whether active, extinct or disbanded, within the meaning of the Religious Corporations Law."

FOURTH: That the said Church and the Church Society has become extinct and has failed to maintain regular religious services according to the discipline, customs and usages of said governing body and the Universalist denomination for over forty years and has not maintained summer services, which were held during some of such period, for over two years; has had no members for many years making annual contributions toward its support; has failed to hold meetings of its members, and has not elected trustees or officers for many years; that A. Eugene Shaw, who was the last elected Treasurer of said Church continued to act in such capacity and to look after said Church property and its bank accounts hereinafter mentioned until the time of his death, which occurred in the Summer of 1945. On information and belief that the records of said Church and of said deceased Treasurer have been lost and cannot be located although diligent search has been made, therefor.

FIFTH: That said First Universalist Church of Portageville was duly declared extinct on September 6, 1945 by the Executive Board of said New York State Convention of Universalists, the incorporated governing body having jurisdiction over it, as appears from the Certificate of Fred C. Leining, its Secretary, which is hereto annexed, the Church having failed to hold services for more than two consecutive years and had not maintained organizational life.

SIXTH: That the only personal property belonging to said Church and Church Society known to your petitioner is the equipment contained in the Church edifice at Portageville, a bank account of \$83.54 and interest on deposit in the Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, New York, in the name of "Universalist Society"; a bank account of \$47.42 and interest on deposit in the Rochester Savings Bank of Rochester, New York, in the name of "Universalist Society"; and a further bank account of \$2626.69 and interest on deposit in the Ontario County Trust Company of Canandaigua, New York, in the name of "Portageville Universalist Society, A.E. Shaw, Treasurer." All of these accounts were opened or maintained by A. Eugene Shaw, otherwise known as A.E. Shaw, as Treasurer of said Church or Church Society.

SEVENTH: On information and belief, that there are no surviving members of said Church still residents of Portageville and that the only surviving members of the said Church are as follows:- Mrs. Nellie Gifford, your petitioner herein, of Castile, New York; Mr. Charles Scott of Nunda, New York; and Mrs. Orpha Belle Shaw of 114 Franklin Street, Dansville, New York.

EIGHTH: That all of such surviving members of said Church have consented to the conveyance of the above described premises, and the transfer of its personal property and bank accounts to the New York State Convention of Universalists without any consideration being paid therefor and such consents are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NINTH: That the interest of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, and of the New York State Convention of Universalists will be greatly promoted by the transfer and conveyance of said property and assets, because the building at Portageville is deteriorating and there is no one available there to see to it; because the bank accounts, if they are not turned over to the Convention, are apt to be dissipated, and because the New York State Convention of Universalists is in a position, as it does in other similar cases, to see that the property and assets of the Church are protected and preserved and used according to law in the furtherance of the extinct Society at Portageville and of the Universalist faith.

TENTH: On information and belief, that there are no surviving Trustees of said Church.

ELEVENTH: On information and belief that there are no outstanding debts or obligations owed by said First Universalist Church of Portageville.

TWELFTH: That no previous application has been made for the relief herein asked.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays for an Order pursuant to Section 16 of the Religious Corporations Law,

- (1) Permitting and directing your petitioner, as a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, or some other person designated by the Court, to convey the above described real property to the New York State Convention of

Universalists, without any consideration being paid therefor, and

- (2) Further Ordering and directing that the personal property contained in said Church be taken over by said New York State Convention of Universalists, and
- (3) Further Ordering and directing that the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, New York, pay and turn over to said New York State Convention of Universalists, on its application therefor, the amount now on deposit with it in the name of "Universalist Society", to-wit, \$83.54 and interest, belonging to said First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, and
- (4) Further Ordering and directing that the Rochester Savings Bank pay and turn over to said New York State Convention of Universalists, on its application therefor, the amount now on deposit with it in the name of "Universalist Society", to-wit, \$47.42 and interest, belonging to said First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, and
- (5) Further Ordering and directing that the Ontario County Trust Company pay and turn over to said New York State Convention of Universalists, on its application therefor, the amount now on deposit with it in the name of "Portageville Universalist Society, A.E. Shaw, Treasurer," to-wit, \$2626.69 and interest, belonging to said First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, and

- (6) Further ordering and directing that all other persons, corporations or associations having custody or control of any funds, money, or temporalities, belonging to said First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, pay, deliver, and turn same over to New York State Convention of Universalists, and
- (7) For such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

NELLIE GIFFORD
Petitioner.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
COUNTY OF WYOMING.)SS.

NELLIE GIFFORD, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the petitioner in this matter; that she has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters she believes it to be true.

NELLIE GIFFORD

Sworn to before me, this
24th day of April, 1946.

Lawrence A. Daley

Notary Public, Wyoming County, N.Y.

GEORGE WILLIAMS TO TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

This Indenture made this twentieth day of May in the year One thousand Eight hundred and forty one between George Williams of the town of Portage in the County of Allegany and State of New York of the first part And the Trustees of the first universalist Church of the town of Portage of the town and county aforesaid of the Second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of One dollar to him ~~in hand~~ duly paid hath sold and by these presents doth grant and convey to the saidd parties of the Second part and their successors in office forever all that tract or parcel of land situate in the town of Portage in the County of Allegany and State of New York in Lot number ninety eight (98) and number ninety nine (99) of Elisha Johnsons Subdivision of the Cottinger tract in the said County and bounded as follows that is to say beginning on the Southerly line of Pike Street or Road so called run by D. Ridsen Surveyor Eight feet Northerly in a direct line from the Northeast corner of the foundation wall laid for the erection of a Universalist Church thence running Westerly on the line of said Street or Road sixty feet - Thence Southerly at right angles of Said Street- 100 feet- thence Easterly at right angles of the last mentioned line 60 feet thence Northerly at right angles of the last mentioned line 100 feet to the place of beginning Together with the appurtenances and all the estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of the said Party of the First party Either in Law or Equity of in or to the above bargained premises To Have and To Hold the Said premises above described to the Said Parties and their successors in office of Second Part- Their heirs and assigns to the Sole and only proper use of the Said Parties of the Second Part their heirs and assigns forever. And the Said George Williams party of the first part for his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant grant bargain and agree to and with the Said Parties of the Second part-

And their Successors that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents was well seized of the premises above conveyed as of a good sure perfect absolute and indefeasible Estate of inheritance in the law in fee simple And that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the Second part and their successors against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof will forever warrant and defend In Witness whereof the party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered
in presence of A.G.Green

GEORGE WILLIAMS L.S.

Allegany County SS On the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three George Williams whom I know to be the individual described in and who executed the within conveyance personally came before me and acknowledged that he executed the same.

LEVI BOND Justice of the Peace

Recorded Feb. 7 1844 at

4 P.M. W.Windsor, Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
County of Allegany)SS.

I, William W. Bush, Clerk of the County of Allegany, and also Clerk of the County and Supreme Courts for the said County, the same being Courts of Record, having a common Seal, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy

of deed executed by George Williams to
Universalist Church at Portage, N.Y. Recorded
in Liber 16 of deeds at Page 613

(S E A L)

with the original thereof on record in this
office and that it is a correct transcript
therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said
County at Belmont, this 19th day of March, A.D.
1946.

William W. Bush
Clerk of Allegany County.

New York State Convention of Universalists

TRUSTEES

LOUIS ANNIN AMES
85 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

KENNETH DOWNEY
72 WASHINGTON ST., HORNELL

REV. WESTON A. DATE, D. D.
150 CLINTON AVE. S. ROCHESTER

TRUSTEES

SHELBY H. JARMAN
WATERVILLE

REV. MAX A KAPP, D. D.
CANTON

MRS. VICTOR H. RUSSELL
186 ALEXANDER ST., ROCHESTER

OFFICE OF TREASURER Secretary
Syracuse, New York.

April 11, 1946.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that on September 6, 1945, the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists by a legal vote declared the Universalist Society of Portageville, N.Y., to be extinct, due to the fact: regular services had not been held for a period of two years and an organizational life had not been maintained.

Signed: Fred C. Leining,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF TREASURER

May 3, 1946

Resolved, in view of the fact that the First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville, N.Y., has not held regular religious services for a period of two years and more and for several years has not held business meetings with the result that it is no longer organized and its legal membership is thereby reduced below statute requirements, the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists hereby declares the said First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville, N.Y., to be extinct.

I have compared the foregoing resolution duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists on September 6, 1945, and I hereby certify the same to be a correct copy of the resolution so adopted and of the whole thereof and that the same has not been revoked or rescinded.

I further certify that on said September 6, 1945, the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists consisted of the following: Rev. Benjamin B. Hersey, D. D., president; Roy F. Hayes, vice-president; Rev. Fred C. Leining, D. D., secretary; Fay C. Parsons, treasurer. ... Trustees: Louis Annin Ames, Donald W. Beebe, Shelby H. Jarman, Mrs. Victor H. Russell, Rev. Weston A. Cate, D. D.; Rev. Max A. Kapp, D. D.

and that on September 6, 1945, the New York State Convention of Universalists was not in session and said Executive Board, pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862 as amended, acted within its powers and not contrary to the constitution, by-laws or directions of the said New York State Convention of Universalists or the laws of the State of New York in passing the foregoing resolution declaring the First Universalists Church or Society of Portageville, N.Y., to be extinct.

Fred C. Leining,
Secretary.

(SEAL)

C O N S E N T

WHEREAS, the First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville, Town of ~~Portage~~^{Portageville}, Wyoming County, New York, has not held regular services for a number of years and has no resident members in Portageville or the Town of Portage and no congregation, and

WHEREAS, I deem it to be in the best interest of the said Church and of the Universalist faith that all of its property and assets be taken over by the New York State Convention of Universalists, the governing body of Universalist Churches in New York State, in order that same may be preserved and protected and used according to law for the furtherance of the Universalist faith,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES SCOTT of Massachusetts Street, Nunda, Livingston County, New York, a surviving member of said First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville in the Town of ~~Portage~~^{Portageville}, Wyoming County, New York, do hereby consent that all the property, assets and temporalities of said Church, including but not limited to its real estate and Church edifice at Portageville and the contents thereof, the bank accounts in the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, the Rochester Savings Bank of Rochester, New York, and the Ontario County Trust Company of Canandaigua, New York, be conveyed and transferred to and taken over by the New York State Convention of Universalists, and that all necessary proceedings to effectuate such conveyance and transfers may be taken without notice to me.

APRIL 8th 1946.

CHARLES SCOTT L.S.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
)SS.
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON.)

On this 8th day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared

CHARLES SCOTT

to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within Instrument, and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

D.D.ROBINSON

Notary Public, Livingston County, N.Y.

C O N S E N T

WHEREAS, the First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville, Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York, has not held regular services for a number of years and has no resident members in Portageville or the Town of Portage and no congregation; and

WHEREAS, I deem it to be in the best interest of the said Church and of the Universalist faith that all of its property and assets be taken over by the New York State Convention of Universalists, the governing body of Universalist Churches in New York State, in order that same may be preserved and protected and used according to law for the furtherance of the Universalist faith,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ORPHA BELLE SHAW of 114 Franklin Street, Dansville, Livingston County, New York, a surviving member of said First Universalist Church or Society of Portageville in the Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York, do hereby consent that all the property, assets and temporalities of said Church, including but not limited to its real estate and Church edifice at Portageville and the contents thereof, the bank accounts in the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, the Rochester Savings Bank of Rochester, New York, and the Ontario County Trust Company of Canandaigua, New York, be conveyed and transferred to and taken over by the New York State Convention of Universalists and that all necessary proceedings to effectuate such conveyance and transfers may be taken without notice to me.

APRIL 19th 1946.

ORPHA BELLE SHAW L.S.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
)SS:
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON.)

On this 19th, day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared ORPHA BELLE SHAW to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within Instrument, and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

A. N. KNAPPENBERG

Notary Public, Livingston County, N.Y.

File 74

Sir : Take notice of an.....

of which the within is a copy, duly granted
in the within entitled action, on the

.....day of

.....19....., and duly

entered in the office of the Clerk of the

County of.....on the

.....day of.....19.....

Dated....., N. Y.,

.....19.....

DONALD W. BEEBE

Law
Attorney for Petitioner

Office and Post Office Address

1529 MARINE TRUST BLDG.
BUFFALO, N. Y.

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY..... COURT,

COUNTY OF WYOMING.

In the Matter of the Petition

- * -
NELLIE GIFFORD, a surviving
member of the First Universal
ist Church of Portageville,
Wyoming Co., N.Y., for leave to
convey and transfer its real
property and personal property
including certain bank accounts
to the New York State Conven-
tion of Universalists.

COPY PETITION.

DONALD W. BEEBE

Attorney for Petitioner.

Office and Post Office Address

1529 MARINE TRUST BLDG.
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Due and personal service of the within

is admitted this.....day of.....19.....

Attorney for.....

To.....

Attorney for.....

*Read on motion and ordered filed.
Dated- May 7, 1946
Barber B. Conable
County Judge*

STATE OF NEW YORK,

COUNTY OF

OF

SS:

.....being duly sworn,
deposes and says that he is.....

.....in this action; that he has
.....read the foregoing.....and knows
the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters
therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to
be true.

Sworn to before me, this.....

day.....19.....

THIS INDENTURE, made, this 17 day of May, 1946, between NELLIE GIFFORD of Castile, Wyoming County, New York, as a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, (also once known as the First Universalist Church of the Town of Portage) party of the first part, to NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862 of the State of New York, as amended, and having office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, Erie County, New York, party of the second part.

WHEREAS, the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, has long since ceased to hold religious services, according to the discipline, customs and usages of the Universalist denomination, and was duly declared extinct on September 6th, 1945 by the New York State Convention of Universalists, party of the second part herein, as the governing religious body of all Universalist Churches within the bounds of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Convention of Universalists, party of the second part herein, is specifically declared to be such governing religious body of all Universalist Churches in New York State by Section 3 of said Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862, as amended, and

WHEREAS, upon the duly verified petition of said Nellie Gifford, party of the first part herein, as a surviving member of said First Universalist Church of Portageville and pursuant to Section 16 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, the County Court of Wyoming County, New York, by Order dated May 7th, 1946, and duly entered in the Wyoming

County Clerk's office at Warsaw, New York, on May 13, 1946, authorized and empowered said Nellie Gifford as a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, to convey to the New York State Convention of Universalists, party of the second part herein, without any consideration being paid therefor, the real property hereinafter described on which the Church edifice is located;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Indenture WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part does hereby grant, remise, release and quit-claim unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, the following described premises:

a/ ALL that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Portage in the County of Allegany and State of New York in Lot number ninety-eight (98) and number ninety-nine (99) of Elisha Johnsons Subdivision of the Cottinger tract in the said County and bounded as follows that is to say beginning on the Southerly line of Pike Street or Road so called run by D. Ridsen Surveyor Eight feet Northerly in a direct line from the Northeast corner of the foundation wall laid for the erection of a Universalist Church thence running Westerly on the line of said Street or Road 60 feet; Thence Southerly at right angles of said Street 100 feet- thence Easterly at right angles of the last mentioned line 60 feet- thence Northerly at right angles of the last mentioned line 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed dated May 20, 1841, from George Williams to the Trustees of the First Universalist Church of the Town of Portage, said deed being recorded in the Allegany County Clerk's office at Belmont, Allegany County, New York, on February 7, 1844 in Liber 16 of Deeds at page 613; said premises being included in that portion of the

Town of Portage, Allegany County, New York, which was set off or separated from said County of Allegany and into the County of Wyoming in 1846, the part containing the hamlet or village of Portageville, in which said premises are located becoming the Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York. /a

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to said premises.

To Have and To Hold the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part its successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Nellie Gifford

A surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK,)
COUNTY OF WYOMING.) SS:

On this 17th day of May, 1946, before me the subscriber personally appeared NELLIE GIFFORD, a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York, to me personally known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same as such surviving member pursuant to Order of the Wyoming County Court, New York, dated May 7, 1946.

Lawrence A. Daley
Notary Public, Wyoming County, New York.

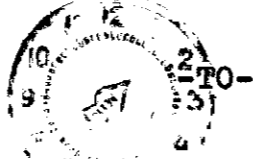
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NELLIE GIFFORD, a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville, Wyoming County, New York,



NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS.

Dated: May 17, 1946.

RECORDED MAY 22, 1946
at 4:10 o'clock P.M. in
Liber 239 of Deeds at Page
301 and examined.

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DONALD W. BEEBE
LAW OFFICES
1529 MARINE TRUST BLDG.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

This Indenture

Made the 25th day of August Nineteen Hundred and Fifty

Between NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

a corporation organized under the laws of New York State
having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, Erie County, New York,

party of the first part, and

NEW YORK CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS
having an office at 528 Oak Street, Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York,

part y of the second part;

Witnesseth, that the party of the first part, in consideration of

----- ONE AND MORE ----- Dollars,

(\$1.00 & MORE) lawful money of the United States,

paid by the part y of the second part,

does hereby remise, release, and quitclaim unto the part y of the second part,

its successors and assigns forever, all THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Portage in the County of Allegany and State of New York in Lot number ninety-eight (98) and number ninety-nine (99) of Elisha Johnsons Subdivision of the Cottinger tract in the said County and bounded as follows that is to say beginning on the Southerly line of Pike Street or Road so called run by D. Risden Surveyor Eight feet Northerly in a direct line from the Northeast corner of the foundation wall laid for the erection of a Universalist Church thence running Westerly on the line of said Street or Road 60 feet; Thence Southerly at right angles of said Street 100 feet- thence Easterly at right angles of the last mentioned line 60 feet- thence Northerly at right angles of the last mentioned line 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed dated May 20, 1841, from George Williams to the Trustees of the First Universalist Church of the Town of Portage, said deed being recorded in the Allegany County Clerk's office at Belmont, Allegany County, New York, on February 7, 1844 in Liber 16 of Deeds at page 613; said premises being included in that portion of the Town of Portage, Allegany County, New York, which was set off or separated from said County of Allegany and into the County of Wyoming in 1846, the part containing the hamlet or village of Portageville, in which said premises are located becoming the Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York.

And being the same premises conveyed by Nellie Gifford, a surviving member of the First Universalist Church of Portageville to the

New York State Convention of Universalists by deed dated May 17, 1946
and recorded May 22, 1946 in the Wyoming County Clerk's Office in Liber
239 of deeds at page 301.

h This deed is executed and delivered by the grantor herein,
without any previous application to any court or judge thereof, pursuant
to the provisions of Chapter 188 of the laws of 1862, as amended. 14

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to the said premises.

To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

In Presence of

In Witness Whereof. The party of the first part has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF
UNIVERSALISTS

FRED C. LEINING
Secretary

HOWARD B. GILMAN
By HOWARD GILMAN, President

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Stamps

State of New York

County of HERKIMER

SS.

On this LITTLE FALLS day of Nineteen Hundred and
25th August
Fifty before me personally came

to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did depose and say
that he resides in

Little Falls, New York
that he is the President of
the corporation described in and which executed the above Instrument; that he
knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Instrument is
such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors
of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

George S. Jones

Notary Public
Herkimer Co. Notary Public No. 255
Commission Expires March 30, 1952

County Clerk's
certificates attached

REC'D
CORPORATION QUIT CLAIM

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF
UNIVERSALISTS

TO

NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE
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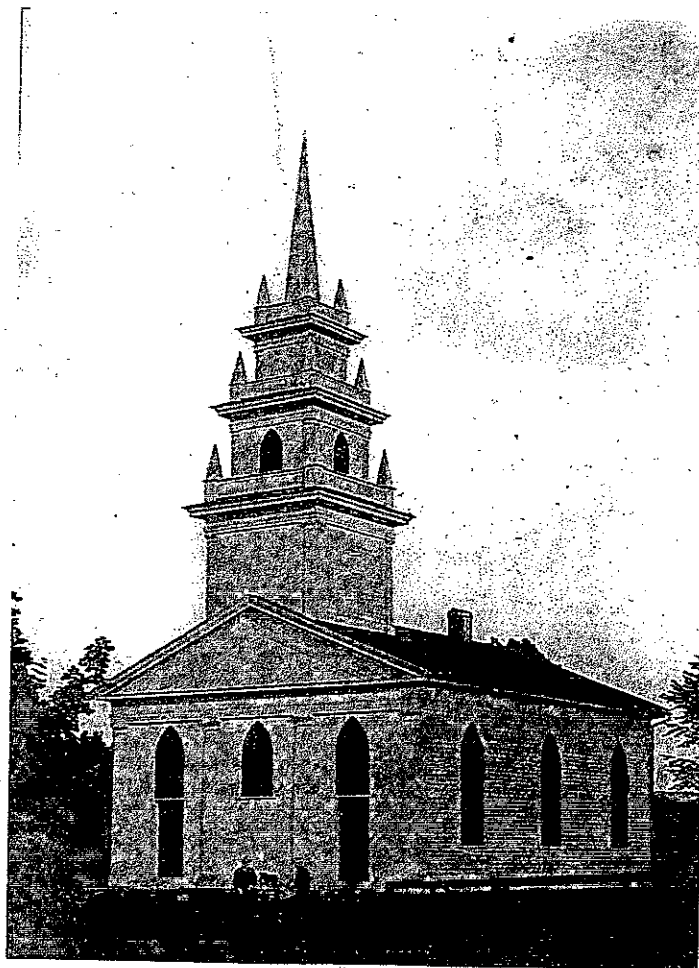
Dated, AUGUST 25 1950

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of

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PORTAGEVILLE, WYOMING COUNTY, NY
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