



First Universalist Church
Central Square - New York

E.O. Nielsen

The First Universalist Church of Central Square, N.Y. is the only Unitarian - Universalist Affiliate in Oswego County, N.Y. It has been at this location since 1908.

Just previous to 1908 a Circuit riding Universalist preacher did a funeral in the village. He inspired a group of people to form a Universalist Society.

The Church has a very attractive and quaint Victorian sanctuary, featuring Tiffany-like windows and pressed tin ceilings. The enclosed sketch appears on our letter heads, placemats for our public dinners, and on the note paper we sell. A Sunday School addition was added to the rear several years ago.

We are fortunate to have three members of the Clergy:

Rev. Max Coots, pastor emeritus, comes once a month. He is a well known poet, and well known in U.U. circles.

Rev. Libbie Stoddard.

Pastor Margaret Hart.

Juice Fay Ledington
Church publicity
592-2902 Fulton N.Y.

MEMO: FOR NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS REGARDING
ITS TITLE TO THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN CENTRAL SQUARE.

File 139 of the Treasurer contained:

1. Original deed dated October 6, 1941 from

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF CENTRAL SQUARE

to

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

recorded March 22, 1946 at 9:28 a.m. in the Oswego County Clerk's Office in Liber 428 of Deeds at page 213.

2. Original Deed dated March 11, 1946 from

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

TO

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF CENTRAL SQUARE

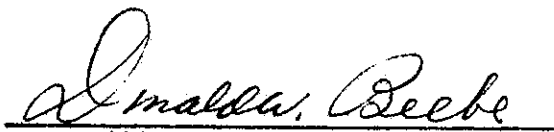
recorded March 22, 1946 at 9:30 A.M. in the Oswego County Clerk's Office in Liber 428 of Deeds page 214. This latter Deed covers the same premises and provides for reversion of the premises to the Convention if services are not held for two years.

On April 4, 1957 the undersigned went to Oswego, N.Y. and made a check of the indices there. He found that apparently the first parcel in the above deeds was conveyed to the Central Square Society by Emma A. Low by Deed dated December 23, 1916 and recorded December 29, 1916 in Liber 302 of Deeds at page 105 - the second parcel by Grace H. Wood by Deed dated November 19, 1907 and recorded November 20, 1907 in Liber 258 of Deeds at page 236, and the third parcel by Emma A. Low by Deed dated January 7, 1922 and recorded September 18, 1922 in Liber 327 of Deeds at page 536. The undersigned also checked the indices against the Convention from date of its Deed (above) to date - and found nothing except the Deed at #2 above.

Except as aforesaid, no examination of title was made.

CONCLUSION: - It appears to the undersigned that the title of the Central Square Church is in the First Universalist Society of Central Square subject to the possibility of reverting to the Convention in case services are not held for a two year period.

APRIL 4, 1957


Attorney



Designed by R. Jempe of Norman, Oklahoma
for the Unitarian Universalist Association
and the Council for Adult Programs
Cover No. 6310

First Universalist Church

Unitarian-Universalist
CENTRAL SQUARE, NEW YORK

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM Junior and Senior Choirs

"Jesus Walks This Lonesome Valley"

INVOCATION by the minister

PRAYER OF JESUS

THE FIRST LESSON

RESPONSIVE READING No. 72; p. 119

AVOWAL OF FAITH, all joining

We avow our faith in God as Eternal,
and all conquering Love;
In the spiritual leadership of Jesus;
In the supreme worth of every human
personality;
In the authority of truth, known or to
be known;
And in the power of men of goodwill
and sacrificial spirit to overcome all
evil and progressively to establish the
Kingdom of God.

THE PRAYER

ANTHEM "Cherubim Song" Bortniansky

THE SECOND LESSON

THE OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF OFFERTORY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

SERMON HYMN No. 198, 1, 2, 3, 7

THE SERMON "It is for us to live!"

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No. 192

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

* * * * *

The Rev. Robert H. MacPherson, minister

Mrs. Margaret Payne Birrell, organist

Mrs. John Hare, Junior Choir Director

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A cordial welcome is extended to all who
worship with us today.

This Easter service marks the twelfth
appearance of our Senior Choir and the
third occasion when our Junior Choir has
sung. We are proud of both groups, and
invite anyone with a love of music to
join in our rehearsals on Tuesday nights.
Junior choir 6:45 P.M.; Senoir at 8.

The Association of Universalist Women
will hold its next regular meeting at the
home of the MacPhersons. Monday, April 6
at 8 P.M. is the time. Mrs. Wallace will
give a special talk on the Unitarian
Universalist Women's Federation. Plan to
attend. A friendly welcome awaits at the
Manse!

Why not send this bulletin to a friend,
especially to a newcomer in town, someone
far from home, or to someone ill or shut-in?

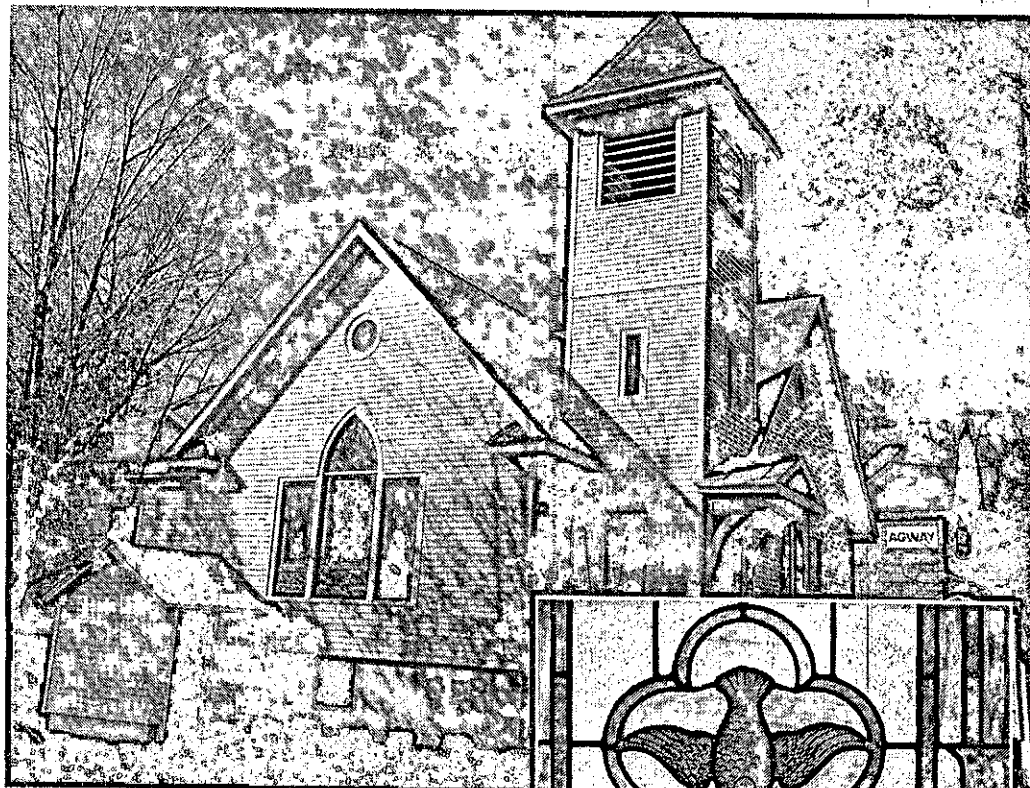
EASTER

"Precious unto us is the memory of earth's
lowly who have added, each in his measure,
to the ever growing treasures of the
common life..

All these have not lived in vain.

All these are not dead.

They have joined the Choir Invisible whose
music is the gladness of the world."



Members of the First Universalist Church in Central Square, NY, are proud of their unique windows.

Windows Renewed. The most remarkable thing about the Central Square, NY, First Universalist Church is the recently renovated windows.

No one knows who designed or made the Tiffany-style leaded glass windows when the church was built in 1908, though according to a booklet on the history of the church, the congregation paid \$442.43 for "art windows and sash" as part of the \$4,666.29 total cost of construction.

Church members prize the windows, now insured for \$11,000, not only for their beauty—each window has dozens of vividly colored panes set by hand in lead—but also for their nontraditional imagery. Instead of the Christian religious scenes typical of windows from the period, each of First Universalist's windows bears a simple emblem surrounded by ornate borders. The emblems include the Greek letters alpha and omega, symbolizing beginning and end; a lyre, symbolizing music; and a dove, representing peace.



over \$32,000 through member donations to pay for a new ground-level entrance and an elevator to make their church accessible to all.

A recent celebration of the church's anniversary featured a service honoring the congregation's oldest member, 95-year-old Maurice Townsend, and the presentation of a history of the small but active church.

New York State Convention of Universalists

The motion was made, duly seconded and carried, that in the matter of the Universalist Society in Central Square, N.Y., buying or building a parsonage, the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists for the said purpose will release and return to the said Society, the amount of the then present value of the trust fund known as the Central Square Fund in Other Trust Funds, the bonds therein to be sold at market value and the mortgage (Moore) to be purchased by and taken over by the General Fund of the Convention at the amount appearing unpaid therein in the Treasurer's books at the time of the release and return of the Central Square Fund, on the following conditions:

1. The Treasurer of the New York State Convention of Universalists shall receive a certified copy of the resolution, requesting the release and return of the said Central Square Fund for the purpose of buying or building a parsonage, adopted at a legally-called parish meeting of the said Society to be signed by the President and Secretary of the said Society.
2. The said parsonage and land shall be deeded to the New York State Convention of Universalists on or before the release and return of said funds to the Universalist Society in Central Square and the Convention shall be furnished with opinion of legal counsel that its title to said property is good and marketable.
3. The said Society shall pay all expenses entailed in the transaction and all taxes, insurance, repairs, etc., hereafter involved in the maintenance of the said parsonage. The insurance policies, fire and liability, shall be made out to the said State Convention.
4. The said Society shall consent to the issuance and issue its demand note for \$3,000.00, to the said State Convention, on which the said Society shall pay interest at the rate of three per cent, July 1st and January 1st of each year, said note to be executed by the President and Treasurer of the said Society. Said note being intended to cover the amount of the Grace Strong bequest.

Action taken at the Meeting of the Executive Board in Syracuse, New York, February 25, 1952.

John B. Leining
Secretary.

NY STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS
25 HARTS HILL CIRCLE
WHITESBORO, N.Y. 13492-2417
JULY 1, 1994

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
OF CENTRAL SQUARE, P.O. BOX 288
CENTRAL SQUARE, N.Y. 13036

ATTN. TREASURER
DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

TWICE PER YEAR, JANUARY 1ST AND JULY 1ST, NYSCU HAS ISSUED CHECKS TO YOU FROM INTEREST EARNED FROM A TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED FOR YOU AND NINE OTHER CHURCH AFFILIATED GROUPS. THE INVESTMENT WAS IN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT WHICH MATURED IN JUNE 1994.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MOTION PASSED AT THE 1991 NYSCU BUSINESS MEETING, THE TRUST FUND WAS TO BE TERMINATED WHEN THE CD MATURED AND THE PRINCIPAL WAS TO BE RETURNED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THAT TIME.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THESE FUNDS WAS INTENDED TO BE AN ENDOWMENT FOR YOUR CHURCH. THE PRINCIPAL SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS AN ENDOWMENT AND NOT UTILIZED AS ROUTINE INCOME AND EXPENDED ON NORMAL CHURCH EXPENSES. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRINCIPAL BE PRESERVED IN AN ENDOWMENT FUND. IF YOUR CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE A WELL MANAGED ENDOWMENT FUND WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UUA'S ENDOWMENT FUND FOR CHURCHES.

YOUR CONTACT FOR THIS SERVICE IS:
DAVID GIGGIE, ENDOWMENT FUND MANAGER
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
25 BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASS. 02108

TEL. 617-742-2100 EXT. 411

A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR PRINCIPAL \$5609.92 PLUS INTEREST OF \$241.78 EARNED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS IS ENCLOSED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME OR ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF NYSCU.

SINCERELY,

CHARLES H. ELLIS

This Indenture.

Made the 3rd day of May Nineteen Hundred and

Fifty-one

Between

VAN R. WATERBURY of Central Square, New York

part y of the first part, and

LAURA L. WATERBURY of Central Square, New York

party of the second part,

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

One and no/100 ----- -Dollar

(\$ 1.00) lawful money of the United States, and other good and
valuable consideration paid by the party of the second part,

do es hereby grant and release unto the part y of the second part,

her heirs and assigns forever, all THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND,

situate in the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego and State
of New York, and bounded as follows: on the north by Village lot

formerly owned by Barber Kenyon; on the east by the lot formerly
owned by John Carp; on the south by the lot formerly owned by William

Burdick and later by D. W. Smith; and on the west by Factory Street;

and being the same premises described in a deed from Elizabeth Brown
VanLeeuwen to Helen S. Kimper dated September 1, 1948 and recorded in

the Oswego County Clerk's Office on September 16, 1948 in Book 468 of
Deeds at Page 531.

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, her heirs and assigns forever.

And said Party of the First Part

covenants as follows:

First. That the party of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises;

Second. That said Party of the First Part will forever warrant the title to said premises.

In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

In Presence of



Van R. Waterbury



State of New York

BOOK 509 PAGE 485

County of ONONDAGA

§§.

CITY of SYRACUSE

On this 3rd day of May Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-one before me, the subscriber, personally appeared

VAN R. WATERBURY

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

Max Osofsky
notary public

MAX OSOFSKY
Notary Public in the State of New York
Qualified in Onon. Co. No. 34 - 2981100
My Commission Expires March 30, 1953

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WARRANTY

VAN R. WATERBURY

TO

Return to

LAURA L. WATERBURY

Box 102
Central Square, N.Y.

Dated, May 3, 1951

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of Onondaga §§.

RECORDED ON THE
3rd day of May A.D. 1951

at 1:15 o'clock P.M.

in LIBER 509 of DEEDS

at PAGE 43 and examined

Max Osofsky
CLERK

CLERK

MAY 1951

MAX OSOFSKY

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR

610 STATE TOWER BUILDING

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, ss.:

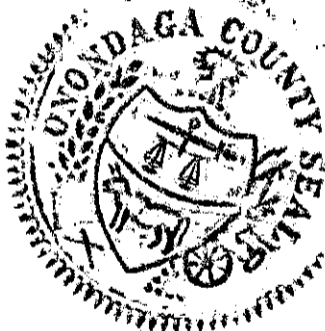
I, W. SNOWDON SMITH III, County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, Onondaga County, a Court of Record having by law a seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Max Osofsky

whose name is subscribed to the deposition, certificate of acknowledgment or proof of the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of New York, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified to act as such throughout the State of New York; that pursuant to law a commission, or a certificate of his appointment and qualifications, and his autograph signature, have been filed in my office; that as such Notary Public he was duly authorized by the laws of the State of New York to administer oaths and affirmations, to receive and certify the acknowledgment or proofs of deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and other written instruments for lands, tenements and hereditaments to be read in evidence or recorded in this State, to protest notes and to take and certify affidavits and depositions; and that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary Public, or have compared the signature on the annexed instrument with his autograph signature deposited in my office, and believe that the signature is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of May, 1957.

W. SNOWDON SMITH III, Clerk.

Charles E. [Signature], Deputy Clerk.



This Indenture.

Made the 11th day of March, ~~February~~, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six,

Between THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York,

party of the first part, and
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF CENTRAL SQUARE, N.Y. OF CENTRAL
SQUARE, OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

party of the second part;

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

One Dollar

(\$1.00) lawful money of the United States, being less than One

Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, paid by the party of the second part,

does hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part, its

successors and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows, viz:- Beginning in the northeasterly corner of the church lot owned by the first party herein, in the southerly bounds of the highway leading from Central Square to Fulton, N.Y.; thence easterly along the southerly bounds of said highway six feet; thence southerly parallel with the easterly line of said church lot, to a point, situate 105 feet distant from the southerly side of the cement walk; thence at right angles to said last mentioned line, to a point sixteen feet easterly from the westerly line of the lot formerly owned by Emma A. Low; thence northerly parallel with said westerly line of Low's lot, six feet to the south-westerly corner of said church lot; thence along the southerly line of said Church lot to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence northerly along the easterly line of said church lot to the place of beginning; the premises hereby intended to be conveyed, being a strip of land, six feet in width, along the easterly and southerly sides of said church lot; and being a portion of the premises heretofore conveyed to the said Emma A. Low and Henry C. Low, by George P. Elliott, by deed dated Feb. 18, 1898, and recorded in the Oswego County Clerk's Office in Book 235 of Deeds at page 385.

Also all that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows:- Beginning at a point in the southerly bounds of the highway leading from Central Square to Fulton, at a point sixteen (16) feet easterly from the northwesterly corner of Avery T. Low's land; thence easterly along the southerly bounds of said highway, seventy two feet (72); thence southerly parallel with the westerly bounds of said Avery T. Low's lands, to a point six rods distant from the southerly side of the cement walk in front of said Low's premises; thence at right angles, westerly to a point sixteen (16) feet easterly from said

Low's westerly line; thence northerly parallel with said westerly line and sixteen (16) feet distant therefrom; to the place of beginning; and being the same premises conveyed by Avery T. Low and wife by deed dated November 18, 1907, and

Also all that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Village of Central Square, Town of Hastings, County of Oswego, and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows; viz: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the church lot in the southerly bounds of the highway leading from Central Square to Fulton, N.Y.; thence easterly along the southerly bounds of the highway, ten feet to a point therein; thence southerly parallel with and distant ten feet from the easterly line of said church lot to a point, distant 105 feet from the southerly side of the cement walk on the northerly side of said premises; thence westerly at right angles to the last described line, ten feet, to the southeasterly corner of said Church Lot; thence northerly along the easterly line of said church lot to the place of beginning; being a strip of land ten feet in width, along the entire easterly side of said named church lot, and being a portion of the same premises described in a deed from George P. Elliott to Emma A. Low et al dated Feb. 18, 1898, and recorded in the Oswego County Clerk's Office in Book 235 of Deeds at page 385.

Being the same premises conveyed to the party of the first part herein by deed dated October 6, 1941 from the party of the second part herein.

a Subject, however, and this conveyance is made upon the express condition that if the First Universalist Society of Central Square, New York (party of the second part herein) shall fail to maintain religious services in the Village of Central Square, New York, for two consecutive years, that then, and in that event, the estate herein granted shall cease and terminate and the title to said lands and premises herein conveyed shall revert to, and said premises shall become the property of, said New York State Convention of Universalists (party of the first part herein); provided, however, that if at any subsequent date, or time, any persons residing at Central Square, New York; shall desire to re-open said Church as a Universalist Church, then, The New York State Convention of Universalists, if it deems such course advisable in promoting the interests and principles of the Universalist faith, shall re-convey the use of said premises to said First Universalist Society of Central Square, New York, or, in the event the premises shall have been sold, use the proceeds of such sale in re-establishing a Universalist Church at Central Square, New York. *la*

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

To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the part of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, except as heretofore provided.

And the party of the first part covenants that it has not done or suffered anything whereby the said premises have been incumbered in any way whatever.

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.

THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALIST,

By Benjamin B. Husey
President.

ATTEST-

Frank Loring
Secretary.

State of New York

County of NEW YORK,

CITY of NEW YORK.

SS.:

On this 3 day of ~~February~~ ^{March}, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six,

before me personally came BENJAMIN B. HERSEY, to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he resides ~~at~~ at 4 West 76th Street, New York, N.Y.

that he is the President of The New York State Convention of Universalists, 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 HOLDER
NOTARY PUBLIC, New York County
N.Y. Co. Clk's No. 144 Reg. No. 282H6
Commission Expires March 30, 1948

George Holder

Notary Public,

*Mad. Leonard W. Beatty
1529 Marine Drive, N.Y.C.
Buffalo, N.Y.*

Deed

CORPORATION-Covenant Against Grantor

THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION
OF UNIVERSALISTS,

TO

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF CENTRAL SQUARE, N.Y.

Dated, ~~February~~ ^{March} 11th 1946

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of Queens SS.

RECORDED ON THE 46
day of March A.D., 19
at 30 o'clock P.M.
in LIBER 428 of DEEDS
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State of New York }
 County of New York, } ss.:

No. 49374

I, ARCHIBALD R. WATSON, County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County, the same being a Court of-Record having by law a seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

George Holder

whose name is subscribed to the annexed deposition, certificate of acknowledgment or proof, was at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified to act as such and authorized by the laws of the State of New York to protest notes, to take and certify depositions, to administer oaths and affirmations and certify the acknowledgment or proof of deeds and other written instruments for lands, tenements and hereditaments, to be read in evidence or recorded in this State. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary Public, or have compared the signature of such officer with his autograph signature filed in my office, and believe that the signature to the said annexed instrument is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal

this 16 day of March, 1946

Archibald Watson

County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County

FEE PAID 25¢

