

STATE OF NEW YORK  
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
LYONS, N. Y.

ss.

*H. F. Carley*  
I, ~~CLARENCE HUCKLE~~, Clerk of the County of Wayne, of the County Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being Courts of Record, having a common seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared a copy of *deed*

hereunto annexed, with the original now *of record* in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Courts, this *17* day of *Dec* A. D. 19*56*

*H. F. Carley* Clerk  
By *J. Schuler* Deputy Clerk

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**BIEL'S**

This Indenture made this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four Between Lyman Bickford and Elvira his wife of the town of Macedon County of Wayne and State of New York of the first part and Doab J. Biddlecome, Silas N. Gallup, Rufus M. Harwood, George Talbot, & Lyman Bickford, Trustees of the Macedon Universalist Society of the same place of the second part Witnesseth That the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to them duly paid have sold and by these presents do grant and convey to the said parties of the second part and their successors All that tract or parcel of land situate in the village of Macedon in said town of Macedon and bounded as follows: Commencing at a point on the east side of Center Street in said village of Macedon one hundred feet south from the north west corner of the "Stone House Lot" formerly owned by David Whitney and running easterly and parallel with Upper Main Street in said Village of Macedon to the West boundary line of the "Alexander Purdy Home Lot" Thence running Southerly along the west line of said Purdy Lot eighty four feet Thence running westerly to the east side of said Center Street Thence running northerly along the east side of said Center Street eighty four feet to the place of beginning With the appurtenances and all the estate title and interest therein of the said parties of the first part And the said parties of the first part do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said parties of the second part and their successors that the premises thus conveyed in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part and their successors will forever warrant and defend against any person whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof. In witness whereof the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Lyman Bickford (Seal)

Elvira Bickford (Seal)

State of New York,  
Wayne County

On this thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four before me the subscriber, personally appeared Lyman Bickford and Elvira his wife to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same And the said Elvira on a private examination by me apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband.

S. N. Gallup Notary Public in & for Wayne Co.

A true copy Recorded April 30 1874 12 m.

A. H. Gates  
Clerk

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THIS INDENTURE, made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of **December**, nineteen hundred and **Fifty-eight**

**BETWEEN MACEDON UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY, of the Village of Macedon, County of Wayne and State of New York, a religious**

**corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York** party of the first part, and  
**NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Kenmore, Erie County, New York, a religious corporation organized under the Laws of the State of New York, the governing religious body of Universalist churches within the State of New York,**

part **y** of the second part,

**WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, in consideration of one and more (\$1.00 plus)**

Dollars,

lawful money of the United States,

paid by the part **y** of the second part does hereby grant and release unto the part **y** of the second part,

**its successors**

and assigns forever,

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Village of Macedon in the Town of Macedon, County of Wayne and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:— Commencing at a point on the east side of Center Street in said Village of Macedon one hundred feet south from the northwest corner of the "Stone House Lot" formerly owned by David Whitney and running easterly and Parallel with Upper Main Street in said Village of Macedon to the west boundary line of the "Alexander Purdy Home Lot". Thence running southerly along the west line of said Purdy Lot eighty-four feet, Thence running westerly to the east side of said Center Street, Thence running northerly along the east side of said Center Street eighty-four feet to the place of beginning.**

Being the same premises conveyed by deed dated April 30th, 1874, from Lyman Bickford and Elvira, his wife, to the Trustees of the Macedon Universalist Society, such deed being recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Wayne County on April 30th, 1874, in Liber 112 of Deeds at page 58.

This conveyance is made and delivered by the party of the first part herein without any previous application to any Judge or Court pursuant to the authority and provisions of Chapter 188 of the Laws of New York State of 1862, as amended by Chapter 356 of the Laws of 1880, by Chapter 398 of the Laws of 1902, by Chapter 48 of the Laws of 1905, by Chapter 33 of the Laws of 1907 and by Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1918.

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.

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.

The grantor, in compliance with Section 13 of the Lien Law, covenants that the grantor will receive the consideration for this conveyance and will hold the right to receive such consideration as a trust fund to be applied first for the purpose of paying the cost of the improvement and that the grantor will apply the same first to the payment of the cost of the improvement before using any part of the total of the same for any other purpose.

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.

In presence of:

MACEDON UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

By \_\_\_\_\_, Trustee

William Petty

Trustee

Ralph Breesse

Trustee

Carl May

Trustee

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WAYNE

ss.: Lovina Hare and Lovina Hare

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of **December** 19 **58** before me came **William Petty, Ralph Breesse, Carl May/** to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that **they** resides in **the Village of Macedon, County of Wayne and State of New York.**

that **they** are all of the Trustees of the **MACEDON UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY** the corporation described in, and which executed, the foregoing instrument; that **they** know 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 **Trustees** of said corporation; and that **they** signed **their** name thereto by like order.

Notary Public

MACEDON UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

TO

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

DEED

Dated, December \_\_\_\_\_, 19 **58**.

The land affected by the within instrument lies in Village of Macedon, Wayne County, New York.

RECORD AND RETURN TO

Reserve this space for use of Recording Office.

8 W. Main St.  
Macedon, N. Y.  
July 23, 1960

Mr. Donald Beebe  
Kenmare, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Beebe,

This letter will explain  
the disposition of the Macedon  
Universalist Church property

last fall. At a parish meeting  
the property was voted not to deed  
the property to the Convention.

It is now the  
property of the town and is to be  
used as a town hall. I have been  
told that the officials have spent  
approximately ten thousand dollars  
to put the building in excellent  
condition.

The church proper is to  
remain as it was and can be used by  
the Universalist Society or any other  
organization.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann A. Beebe  
Secy. and Treas. Universalist Society

July 27, 1960

Rev. Howard Gilman  
Unirondack Star Route  
Lowville, New York

Dear Howard:

I had occasion to go through Macedon yesterday when on a business trip so I rode by the Church and was quite surprised to see much being done to it. Repairing steps, new clapboards preparing for painting, new eave troughs, etc. On getting back to the office this morning I find a letter from Mrs. Breese, as per the enclosed copy, in reply to my letter to her of July 20th.

I am quite disturbed by what has happened especially as they voted to do this last fall and apparently no one on the Convention was aware of it. I am afraid that both you and I are open to criticism and justifiably so in not following this matter more closely. While this may be a good purpose for use of the building I still feel a great sense of failure on our part, after all the efforts in the matter, ~~for not~~ going over the matter with them at Macedon.

Whether this is an instance where the Convention should consider taking legal action, if a case could be worked up, is a question but one that might well be considered. I take it from Mrs. Breese that the local Society must have given a deed to the town.

Please see that this matter is placed on the agenda for the September meeting as I think a full report will have to be made to the Board by both of us.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Beebe

DWB:MA  
enc.



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August 27, 1960,

Dear Don:

Replying to yours of July 27 concerning the action at Cicero, I feel that this is not surprising since I knew there was a reluctance to deed to us. Apparently they could deed it to the town without getting permission from the parent body.

And too, the society was not defunct and had been using the building to some extent.

Unless one could constantly keep checking on them to learn what action they might be taking, I don't see how we can be expected to keep such close tabs on the group. It would appear they were in a position to proceed to do as they pleased since it was a recognized and functioning church.

Sincerely,

*Howard B. Gilman*

Howard B. Gilman

9-12-60  
Reported transfer  
to town of Cicero  
Ch. to Ex. Bd  
- but no comment -  
particularly

## **Bennett, John O.**

Rev. J. O. Bennett, Pastor of Macedon Church, Dies

From the *Times-Union*, Rochester NY, 14 March 1950

The Rev. John O. Bennett, 73, of 36 Edmonds St., Rochester, minister of the Macedon Universalist Church for 24 years and a Navy man for 16 years, which included service in World War I, died yesterday (Mar. 13, 1950).

The Rev. Mr. Bennett, in addition to his ministerial duties, worked for many years in Gleason Works. He was a machinist's mate in the Navy.

Before entering the Navy, he attended theological school in St. Lawrence University. He was a member of the Abbey Barry Limboe Post, American Legion. He retired from Gleason's six years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha; a son, Carl; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Universalist Church, Rochester. Burial will be in White Haven Memorial Park.

