

[Madison, Madison Co. NY]

The First Universalist Church of Madison was organized July 13, 1828. Rev. Nathaniel Stacy, who lived at East Hamilton, and was the first Universalist preacher in this section of the country, was an early pastor of this church, and was, it is believed, instrumental in its organization. The church has had only one settled pastor previous to the present one, Rev. Mr. Wright. After he left, the church was supplied occasionally by ministers from Utica and Clinton, till July, 1859, since which time the present pastor, Rev. A. H. Marshall, has officiated, and been located here since 1860.

The Society was organized July 10, 1852, at which time there were 18 male and 24 female members. Ralph Tanner was elected moderator, A. M. Lewis, treasurer and clerk, and John Gilbert, Leroy Curtis, Daniel Barker, Stephen Woodhull and A. M. Lewis, trustees. It was again re-organized in 1866 and incorporated at that time. The articles and constitution then adopted were subscribed to by Leroy Curtis, T. W. W. Washburn, Ransom Curtis, John H. Lewis, Alfred C. Lewis, A. H. Marshall, Jennette C. Washburn, Mary A. Phelps, Frances Curtis, Eusebia N. C. Lewis, Renette D. Parker, Elizabeth Bridge, Amanda J. Peckham, Minerva Curtis, Allaseba M. Phelps and Louise Spencer. At the first annual meeting under this organization, held Dec. 10, 1866, of which Ransom Curtis was chairman and J. H. Lewis, clerk, T. W. W. Washburn, Seymour W. Lewis and J. H. Lewis were chosen trustees and Leroy Lewis appointed clerk.

There are no records from 1828 to 1852, except those that refer to the first organization. Their church edifice was built in 1821. The present number of members is fifty. Services are held once in two weeks, the pastor also preaching at East Hamilton, North Brookfield and Hubbardsville.

James H. Smith, "*The History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York* (D. Mason & Co., Syracuse, New York 1880)