

This Indenture, Made this thirty first day of  
May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty two Between Walter K. Ritch and  
Anna M. Ritch his wife of the Town of North  
Salem in the County of Westchester and State  
of New York

of the first part, and the First Universalist Society of  
North Salem and Vicinity

of the second part,  
 Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of  
one hundred

Dollars, lawful money of the  
United States to them duly paid, have sold, and  
 By these Presents, do grant and convey to the said party of the second  
 part, ~~heirs and assigns~~, All that certain piece of  
land bounded and described as follows, viz:  
beginning at the South East corner of the lot  
now occupied by said Society, that is to say, the  
lot purchased of William and Nancy Vail by  
deed bearing date March 4<sup>th</sup> 1833 and recorded  
in the Clerk's Office of Westchester County in book of  
Deeds 48 page 443; thence running North sixty  
two feet, and thence West thirty seven feet by  
said lot; thence North in a straight line to the  
corner of the land of Isaac J. Frost, <sup>(in 1833)</sup> on the North  
side of the House shed, thence East, and thence  
South as the fence now <sup>(1833)</sup> stands to the Northwesterly  
side of the highway; thence West to the place  
of beginning; containing one quarter of an acre  
be the same more or less,

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records. It emphasizes that every detail matters and that consistency is key to success. The author notes that while the process may seem tedious at times, the long-term benefits far outweigh the initial effort.

In the second section, the author provides a detailed overview of the current market conditions. It is observed that there has been a significant shift in consumer behavior, which has led to new opportunities for businesses. However, it is also noted that competition remains fierce, and companies must stay agile to adapt to changing demands.

The third part of the document focuses on strategic planning. The author argues that having a clear vision and a well-defined strategy is essential for long-term growth. This involves not only setting goals but also identifying potential risks and developing contingency plans. Regular communication and collaboration within the team are also highlighted as crucial factors.

Finally, the document concludes with a call to action, encouraging all stakeholders to work together towards a common goal. The author expresses confidence in the future and believes that with the right approach and mindset, success is within reach.

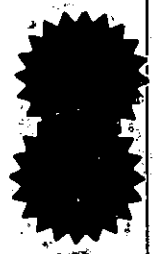
With the Appurtenances, and all the Estate, Title and Interest therein of the said parties of the first part. And the said Walter K. Ritch and Anna M. Ritch of the first part do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, ~~heirs and assigns~~, that the premises thus conveyed in the Quiet and Peaceable Possession of the said party of the second part, ~~heirs and assigns~~ they 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.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN  
PRESENCE OF

Alfred S. Hawley.

Walter K. Ritch  
Anna M. Ritch



State of New York,

County of \_\_\_\_\_

ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ before me, the subscriber, personally came \_\_\_\_\_

to me known to be the person described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

State of New York,

County of Westchester

ss.

On this thirty first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before me, the subscriber, personally came Walter K. Ritch and Anna M. Ritch

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 Anna M. Ritch

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.

Alfred S. Hawley  
Justice of the Peace

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Warranty Deed.

NO 23174  
NOV 14 1928  
9 A.M.  
Dated, 18

County, ss.

Recorded on the 14th day of the month of May, 1928, at the Town of W. A. C. of the County of Westchester, N. Y.

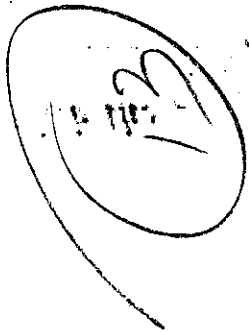
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., in \_\_\_\_\_ of Deeds, at page \_\_\_\_\_ and examined.

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Clerk

Fazio & Conners  
404 Kille Bldg  
Syracuse, N.Y.

Recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Westchester, in Liber 2988 of Deeds, Page 78 on the 14 day of Nov A. D. 1928 at 9 O'clock Min. A M  
Witness my hand and Official Seal.

Anna M. Ritch Register



Know all men by these presents that I William Vail Jun<sup>r</sup>  
of North Salem Westchester County and State of New York  
and Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the sum  
of fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States to them  
in hand paid by Samuel Hunt, Thomas Smith Levi Smith  
Epenetus Howe and Others Trustees of the first Universal  
-ist Society in the Town of North Salem and its Vicinity  
do grant bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the  
Trustees of said Universalist Society and to their  
successors in office forever, all that certain lot of  
ground whereon the Meeting House of said Society now  
stands, <sup>(1833)</sup> in the said Town of North Salem now ~~stands~~  
~~in the town of North Salem~~ of aforesaid, being in front  
on the Highway forty seven feet & in the rear thirty seven feet  
and sixty feet deep, bounded south by Highway, East and  
north by land of said William Vail Jun<sup>r</sup>, West by land  
belonging to said Universalist Society <sup>(1833)</sup>

To have and to hold the above granted and bargained  
premises, together with all the privileges and appurte-  
nances therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining there-  
unto, to them the said Trustees & their successors in  
office forever & the said William Vail Jun<sup>r</sup> for himself  
and his heirs, the above described premises and every  
thereof unto the said Trustees & their successors & appur-  
tances will warrant - and by these presents forever defend  
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands  
and seals, this fourth day of March in the year of  
our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and  
thirty three

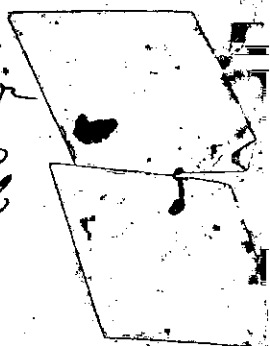
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& top erased before the execution hereof.

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in presence of

Wm Vail Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Nancy Vail

William Beers

E. Wallace



Westchester County N.Y.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March in the  
Year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared  
before me William Hall & Nancy his  
wife known to me to be the persons  
mentioned in & who executed the  
within Deed & severally acknowledged  
that they had executed the within  
Deed for the uses & purposes therein  
contained, and Nancy the wife of  
the said William Hall in a private  
examination before me apart from her husband  
confessed that she executed the within  
deed freely, without any fear or com-  
pulsion of her husband, I allow it to  
be recorded

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Epenetus Mallace  
Commissioner of Deeds

Recorded in Westchester County Clerk's Office  
in Lib. N. 48 of Deeds page 443 & March 9<sup>th</sup>  
1833 at 1/2 past 4 P.M. N. Bayles Clk

Wm Vail Junr  
and wife  
To Universal  
Society -  
Dues

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for March 9<sup>th</sup> 1835  
at 10, 4<sup>th</sup> St

per p. 100

# This Indenture,

Made the *Sixteenth* day of October in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Between First Universalist Society in North Salem

a corporation created by and under the Laws of the State of New York, and having its place of business in the Town of North Salem, County of Westchester, and State of New York, party of the first part, and

New York State Convention of Universalists, Inc.,

of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of

One - - - - - Dollar

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

doth hereby grant and release unto the said party of the second part, its successors

~~XXXX~~ and assigns forever, ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Village of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, being all that certain lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: "All that certain lot of ground whereon the meeting House of Said Society now stands, in the said Town of North Salem, aforesaid, being in front of the highway forty-seven feet and in the rear thirty-seven feet and sixty-two feet deep, bounded south by highway, East and North by land of said William Vail Jr., West by land belonging to said Universalist Society;" and being the same premises heretofore conveyed to Samuel Hunt, Thomas Smith, Lewis Smith, Epenetus Howe, and others as Trustees of the First Universalist Society in the Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, by William Vail Jr., and Nancy Vail, his wife, by warranty deed dated March 4, 1833, and recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office in Lib. number 48 of Deeds, at page 443 &c., on March 9, 1833.

ALSO, ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Village of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, "Beginning at the South East corner of the lot now occupied by said Society, that is to say, the lot purchased of William and Nancy Vail, by deed bearing date March 4th, 1833, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Westchester County in book of Deeds 48, Page 443; thence running north sixty-two feet, and thence west thirty-seven feet by said lot; thence north in a straight line to the corner of the land of Isaac T. Frost, on the north side of the Horse Shed, thence East and thence south as the fence now stands to the northerly side of the highway; thence west to the place of beginning;" Containing one quarter of an acre be the same more or less; and being the same premises heretofore conveyed to the First Universalist Society of North Salem, by Walter K. Ritch and Anna M. Ritch, his wife, by warranty deed dated May 31, 1882, and recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, in Lib. number 2988, at page 78, on November 14, 1929.



This conveyance is made upon the express condition that the second party herein shall neither mortgage, sell nor convey the above described premises or any portion thereof to any third party whatsoever, and in case the second party shall fail to comply with said conditions or with either of them, then, in that case the aforesaid premises and all title there- to shall thereupon forthwith revert to first party herein forever.

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

**To Have and to Hold** the above granted premises unto the said party of the second part, its ~~heirs~~ <sup>successors</sup> and assigns forever.

And the said party of the first part doth covenant with the said party of the second part as follows:

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

**That** the said party of the first part will forever warrant the title to said premises.

Scaled and Delivered  
in Presence of

*Emory G. Lohell*

In Witness Whereof, The said

Harry T. Hunt

hath caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and this Indenture to be subscribed by its First Trustee the day and year first above written.

*Harry T. Hunt*  
H. T. H.

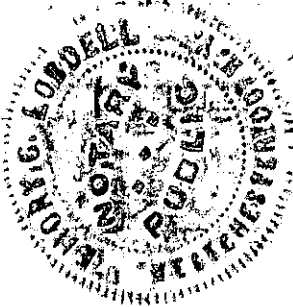
State of New York,  
County of Westchester } ss:  
Town of North Salem

on this 16th day of October, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty three, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Hunt to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resided in the Town of North Salem that he is the First Trustee of the First Universalist Society in North Salem,

the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument was 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.

*Emory G. Lohde*  
*Notary Public*

WESTCHESTER COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE	
Recording: 3:15 A	CPa
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Total 315	
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Recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Westchester, in Liber 3091 Page 26 on the 24 day of Oct of Dec 1930 at 9 o'clock 1.93.0 Min. A. Witness my hand and Official Seal. *Arthur L. Morrison* Register

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**Deed.**

Corporation Warranty  
First Universalist Society in North Salem  
to 43813  
New York State Convention of Universalists, Inc.

Dated October 1930  
State of New York.

County ss. North Salem  
Recorded on the 16th day of October, 1930, at 9 o'clock, 10 M., in Book No. 3091 of Deeds, at page 26 and examined. *Jessie T. ...* Clerk. *Staff ...*  
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SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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In the Matter of the Dissolution

of

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM,

The sale of the real estate thereof, and

Disposition of its Surplus.  
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Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court, Westchester County, at a Special Term, Part I thereof to be held at the County Court House, White Plains, New York, on December 12, 1947, at 10 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order dissolving the First Universalist Society in North Salem, directing the sale and conveyance of the real estate thereof and disposition of its surplus, and for other and further relief.

November 13, 1947.

LEONARD KLABER

Attorney for Petitioners,

420 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Dissolution  
of  
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM  
The sale of the real estate thereof,; and  
Disposition of its Surplus

To the Supreme Court of the State of New York:

Your undersigned petitioners respectfully show to  
this Court:

That the First Universalist Society in North Salem,  
sometimes known as First Universalist Society in North Salem and  
its vicinity, is a religious corporation, organized on or about  
January 23, 1832, under Acts of Legislature of April 15, 1813,  
and February 15, 1826; and is located in the Town of North Salem,  
Westchester County, New York, where it owns a church building and  
grounds.

That said Society after its incorporation conducted  
religious services of the Universalist denomination for more than  
a century, but that since the year 1936 it has ceased to act in its  
corporate capacity and keep up the religious services. That its  
membership is now reduced to five. That such reduction in member-  
ship, and changes which have occurred in the character of the  
neighborhood and in living conditions and transportation all  
render it unlikely that this Society can continue or resume its  
functions.

That said Society is affiliated with New York State  
Convention of Universalists, which is a religious corporation,  
incorporated by Chapter 188 of the Laws of 1862, and which now  
functions pursuant to said Act, and Acts amendatory thereto. Said  
New York State Convention of Universalists is the governing re-  
ligious body having jurisdiction over a large number of churches

of the Universalist denomination in this State, including the Church of this Society, and said State Convention is devoted to purposes promoting the Universalist doctrines and practices.

That said Society is a solvent corporation.

That a meeting of the Trustees of said Society was held at the residence of Frederick T. Nelson and Laura Howe Nelson, in the Town of North Salem, at 8 P.M. on October 2nd, 1947, upon due notice given, at which meeting four of the five trustees of said Society were present; whereupon the following resolution was duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the four trustees present, to wit:-

"RESOLVED, that Court proceedings be taken for the dissolution of the First Universalist Society in North Salem, and to sell to and vest all title to the real estate and personal property and funds thereof, after the payment of debts and expenses of the proceeding, in the New York State Convention of Universalists."

For which particular reasons and causes, your petitioners represent that it will be proper, and will promote the interests and purposes of said Society, and your petitioners propose and now request that this Court decree a dissolution of said First Universalist Society in North Salem, and order a sale and conveyance of its real property to the New York State Convention of Universalists for One Dollar or other nominal consideration; and likewise direct the surplus remaining after such sale, and after the ascertainment and payments of the debts of said Society, and the expenses of such sale and of such proceeding be paid to the New York State Convention of Universalists; and that this Court grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

That the Trustees of said Society and their places of residence are as follows:

Elliot B. Barber	Salem Center, New York
A. Laura Howe	Brewster, New York
Laura Howe Nelson	Titicus Road, North Salem, N.Y.
Frederick T. Nelson	Titicus Road, North Salem, N.Y.
Mary H. Ritch	Osborn Memorial Home, Harrison, New York

That the Officers of said Society are:

Frederick T. Nelson	First Trustee, residence as above
Laura Howe Nelson	Clerk of the Parish, residence as above

The situation, condition, description and estimated value of the property of the said Society is as follows:

Real estate, located in the unincorporated village of North Salem, in the Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, together with the church buildings more particularly described in the Schedule annexed, of the estimated value of ..... \$6,000.00

Personal Property

Account in the Savings Bank of Danbury, Connecticut, in the name of the Society, cash balance as of August 15, 1947..... 545.28

In the hands of the New York State Convention of Universalists, held for this Society:-

Cash Balance ..... 381.62

\$1,000. face amount New York Power & Light Corporation 2-3/4% Bond of 1975, est. value.... 1,000.00

\$2,500. face amount Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company 2-3/4% bonds of 1985, estimated value..... 2,500.00

Church appointments and equipment... Nominal value

Interest accruals on above ..... Nominal value

Income as yet undistributed upon a certain trust fund created by the Will of Jeremiah Smith, formerly of Ridge-

field, Connecticut one-half of the income of which is payable to this Society.

Charles F. Palmer of Ridgefield, Connecticut, is at present Trustee of said fund, the principal of said half share of which is about \$8,000., and this Society has no title thereto, or rights therein, but only to the undistributed income thereof, as aforesaid, estimated not to exceed \$400.

That at the meeting of the Trustees of said Society, held as aforesaid on October 2, 1947, due consideration was given to the matter of the said Trust Fund, and it was agreed that if possible representations should be made to the officials and court or courts of Connecticut having custody and jurisdiction over said fund to have said fund devoted and paid to the First Universalist Society in Danbury, Connecticut, and the following resolution was thereupon adopted by unanimous vote of those present, constituting four of the five trustees, and likewise four of the five members of said Society, to wit:-

"RESOLVED that it is the wish of the Trustees and of the Members of the First Universalist Society in North Salem, upon proceedings to be taken for the dissolution thereof; that the trust funds held under the Will of Jeremiah Smith, late of Ridgebury, Ridgefield Township, Connecticut, given for the benefit of the First Universalist Society in North Salem, be devoted and paid to the First Universalist Society in Danbury, Connecticut."

The debts of the said Society are none other than expenses connected with the current maintenance of said Church building of said Society, estimated not to exceed One Hundred Dollars, and the expenses which may be connected with presenting the wishes of said Society in respect to the fund held under the Will of Jeremiah Smith, as aforesaid, and the expenses connected with the sale of the real estate of this Society, and with this proceeding; the payment of all of which expenses as estimated is secured by and can be more than met out of cash balances and un-



distributed and accrued income.

That your petitioners are all  
of the Trustees of the First Universalist Society in North Salem.

Dated, *October 29* 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elliot B. Barber*

Elliot B. Barber

*A. Laura Howe*

A. Laura Howe

*Laura Howe Nelson*

Laura Howe Nelson

*Frederick T. Nelson*

Frederick T. Nelson

*Mary H. Ritch*

Mary H. Ritch

PETITIONERS

LEONARD KLABER  
Attorney for Petitioners  
Office & Post Office Address  
420 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

ELLIOT T. BARBER, A. LAURA HOWE, LAURA HOWE NELSON,  
FREDERICK T. NELSON and MARY T. RITCH, the petitioners, being  
duly sworn, depose and say that they are the petitioners in  
this proceeding; that they have read the foregoing petitioner  
and know the contents thereof; that the same is true to the  
knowledge of deponents except as to the matters therein stated  
to be alleged on information and belief; and as to those matters  
they believe it to be true.

Sworn to before me  
this *29* day of *October*, 1947.

*Daron Seaman*  
*Notary Public*  
*Westchester*  
*County*

*Elliot B. Barber*

*A. Laura Howe*

*Laura Howe Nelson*

*Frederick T. Nelson*

*Mary H. Ritch*

SCHEDULE:

Description of real property of First Universalist Society in  
North Salem

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All those lots or parcels of land in the unincorporated Village of North Salem, Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, whereon the meeting house of said Society now stands, severally bounded and described as follows:

All that certain lot, being in front forty-seven feet on the Highway, in the rear thirty-seven feet, and sixty-two feet deep; bounded South by the Highway, East and North by land now or formerly of William Vail, Jr., and West by land formerly belonging to said Universalist Society; being the same premises heretofore conveyed to Samuel Hunt and others, Trustees of said Society by William Vail, Jr. and Nancy Vail, his wife, by deed recorded March 9, 1833, in Liber 48 of Deeds Page 443, in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, and

Also all that other lot, beginning at the Southeast corner of the aforesaid lot, running thence North sixty-two feet, thence West thirty-seven feet by aforesaid lot; thence North in a straight line to the corner of the land now or formerly of Isaac Frost on the North side of the Horse Shed, (now or formerly); thence East and thence South as the fence now stands or formerly stood to the Northerly side of the Highway, thence West to the place of beginning, containing one-quarter acre more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Society by deed of Walter K. Ritch and Anna M. Ritch, his wife, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's or Register's Office, in Liber 2988 at page 78 on November 14, 1929.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

ss.:

, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is  
the attorney for the within named  
herein. That on the day of 19 he served the within  
upon the attorney for the within named  
by depositing a true copy of the same securely enclosed in a post-paid wrapper in the Post  
Office—a Branch Post-Office—a Post-Office Box regularly maintained by the United States gov-  
ernment at in said County of directed to said attorney  
for the at No. N. Y., that being the  
address within the state designated by h for that purpose upon the preceding papers in  
this action, or the place where h then kept an office, between which places there then was and  
now is a regular communication by mail.  
Deponent is over the age of years.  
Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

Index No. Year

SUPREME COURT -

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Dissolution

of

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

in NORTH SALEM

and other relief.

PETITION and NOTICE.

LEONARD KLABER

Attorney for Petitioners

Office and Post Office Address

420 Lexington Avenue

Borough of Manhattan New York City

To Esq.,

Attorney for

Due and proper service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated, New York, 19

Attorney for

Sir : Please take notice that the within is a true  
copy of a  
this day duly made and entered herein in the  
office of the Clerk of

Dated, New York, 19

Yours, etc.,

Attorney for  
Office and Post Office Address

Borough of New York City

To Esq.,

Attorney for

Sir : Please take notice that an order of  
which the within is a true copy will be pre-  
sented for settlement and entry herein to Mr.  
Justice  
at  
this Court at  
in the Borough of City of New York,  
on the day of 19  
at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon there-  
after as Counsel can be heard.

Dated, New York, 19

Yours, etc.,

Attorney for  
Office and Post Office Address

Borough of New York City

To Esq.,

Attorney for

INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

above named, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the  
in the within action, that he has read and knows the contents of the foregoing  
that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters  
therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he be-  
lieves it to be true.

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

CORPORATION VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that  
he is the of the herein  
that he has read the foregoing  
and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the  
matters herein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he  
believes it to be true.

Deponent further says that the reason this verification is made by deponent and not by the  
is because the said  
is a corporation, and deponent an officer thereof, to wit its

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

being duly sworn, deposes  
and says, that he is over the age of years. That on the  
day of 19 at No.  
in the Borough of , City of he  
served the foregoing upon

in this action, by delivering to and leaving personally with said  
a true copy (copies) thereof.

Deponent further says, that he knew the person served as  
aforesaid, to be the person mentioned and described in said  
as the therein.

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

At a Special Term, Part I, of  
the Supreme Court of the State  
of New York, held in and for  
the County of Westchester, at  
the County Court House, White  
Plains, New York, on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 1948

Present;

Honorable Frederick G. Schmidt,

Justice of the Supreme Court.

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In the Matter of the Dissolution

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of

Order of  
Dissolution.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM,

The sale of the real estate thereof; and  
Disposition of its Surplus.

-----X

Upon reading and filing the petition  
of Elliot B. Barker, A. Laura Howe, Laura Howe Nelson, Frederick  
T. Nelson and Mary H. Ritch, the Trustees of the First Univer-  
salist Society in North Salem, verified October 29, 1947, praying  
for the dissolution of said Society, and for other relief, together  
with due proof of service of the notice of the application by  
publication, and the matter having duly come on to be heard, and  
the Court having heard Leonard Klaber, Esq., attorney for the  
petitioners for the application, and no one appearing in opposition,  
and the Court having duly considered the matter, and rendered  
its decision,

Now, on motion of LEONARD KLABER, Esq., attorney  
for the petitioners, it is

ORDERED that the application be and the same is  
hereby granted, and the First Universalist Society in North  
Salem, sometimes known as First Universalist Society in North  
Salem and its vicinity, be and the same is hereby dissolved  
and its corporate existence terminated, and it is further

ORDERED that the real property of the said First Universalist Society in North Salem, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit;

All those lots or parcels of land in the Village of North Salem, Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, whereon the meeting house of said Society now stands, severally bounded and described as follows;

All that certain lot, being in front forty-seven feet on the Highway, in the rear thirty-seven feet, and sixty-two feet deep; bounded South by the Highway, East and North by land now or formerly of William Vail, Jr., and West by land formerly belonging to said Universalist Society; being the same premises heretofore conveyed to Samuel Hunt and others, Trustees of said Society by William Vail, Jr., and Nancy Vail, his wife, by deed recorded March 9, 1833, in Liber 48 of Deeds Page 443, in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, and

Also all that other lot, beginning at the Southeast corner of the aforesaid lot, running thence North sixty-two feet, thence West thirty-seven feet by aforesaid lot; thence North in a straight line to the corner of the land now or formerly of Isaac Frost on the North side of the Horse Shed, (now or formerly); thence East and thence South as the fence now stands or formerly stood to the Northly side of the Highway, thence West to the place of beginning, containing one-quarter acre more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Society by deed of Walter K. Ritch and Anna E. Ritch, his wife, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's or Register's Office, in Liber 2982, at page 78 on November 14, 1929;

be sold and conveyed by deed by said First Universalist Society in North Salem to New York State Convention of Universalists for One dollar or other nominal consideration, and it is further

ORDERED that the aforesaid Trustees of said First Universalist Society in North Salem, or a majority thereof, execute and deliver such deed to said New York State Convention of Universalists, and it is further

ORDERED and DIRECTED that the surplus remaining after such sale; and after the ascertainment and payment of the debts of the Society; the expenses, including fees, which may be incurred by said Society or on its behalf in connection with protecting the rights of said Society and presenting its wishes in respect to a certain fund presently held for its benefit under the will of one Jeremiah Smith by a Trustee appointed

or acting under the Laws or Courts of the State of Connecticut; the expenses of the said sale; and the fees of the attorney for the petitioners and the other expenses of this proceeding; - as well as all other remaining assets and property of said Society be paid and delivered to the New York State Convention of Universalists; and it is further

ORDERED that the petitioners, or any one or more thereof, or the New York State Convention of Universalists may apply to this Court at the foot hereof, for such further instructions, or for such other relief as may be just and proper.

Enter

*Fredrick C. Schmidt*  
Justice of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York.

INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

above named, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the  
in the within action, that he has read and knows the contents of the foregoing  
that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters  
therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he be-  
lieves it to be true.

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

CORPORATION VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that  
he is the of the herein  
that he has read the foregoing  
and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the  
matters herein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he  
believes it to be true.

Deponent further says that the reason this verification is made by deponent and not by the  
is because the said  
is a corporation, and deponent an officer thereof, to wit its

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

being duly sworn, deposes  
and says, that he is over the age of years. That on the  
day of 19 at No.  
in the Borough of , City of , he  
served the foregoing upon

in this action, by delivering to and leaving personally with said  
a true copy (copies) thereof.

Deponent further says, that he knew the person served as  
aforesaid, to be the person mentioned and described in said

as the therein.

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF

ss.:

, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is  
the attorney for the within named  
herein. That on the day of 19 he served the within

upon the attorney for the within named  
by depositing a true copy of the same securely enclosed in a post-paid wrapper in the Post  
Office—a Branch Post-Office—a Post-Office Box regularly maintained by the United States gov-  
ernment at in said County of directed to said attorney  
for the at No. N.Y., that being the  
address within the state designated by h for that purpose upon the preceding papers in  
this action, or the place where h then kept an office, between which places there then was and  
now is a regular communication by mail.

Deponent is over the age of years.

Sworn to before me this  
day of 19

Index No. 5325 Year 1947.

SUPREME COURT \* WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Dissolution

of

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

in NORTH SALEM;

The sale of the real estate thereof  
And Disposition of its Surplus.

ORDER OF DISSOLUTION

Filed February 17, 1948

LEONARD KLABER

Attorney for Petitioners

Office and Post Office Address

420 Lexington Avenue

Borough of Manhattan New York City

To , Esq.,

Attorney for

Due and proper service of a copy of the within  
is hereby admitted.

Dated, New York, , 19

Attorney for

Sir : Please take notice that the within is a true  
copy of a  
this day duly made and entered herein in the  
office of the Clerk of

Dated, New York, , 19

Yours, etc.,

Attorney for

Office and Post Office Address

Borough of New York City

To , Esq.,

Attorney for

Sir : Please take notice that an order of  
which the within is a true copy will be pre-  
sented for settlement and entry herein to Mr.  
Justice  
at  
this Court at  
in the Borough of City of New York,  
on the day of 19  
at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon there-  
after as Counsel can be heard.

Dated, New York, , 19

Yours, etc.,

Attorney for

Office and Post Office Address

Borough of New York City

To , Esq.,

Attorney for

THIS INDENTURE made the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1948.

BETWEEN, First Universalist Society in North Salem, sometimes known as First Universalist Society in North Salem and its vicinity, or similar designation, of the Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York and

ELLIOTT B. BARBER, residing at Salem Center, New York, A. LAURA HOWE, residing at Brewster, New York, LAURA HOWE NELSON and FREDERICK T. NELSON, residing at Titicus Road, North Salem, New York, and MARY H. RITCH, residing at Osborn Memorial Home, Harrison, New York; the Trustees of said First Universalist Society, North Salem, parties of the first part, and  
 a religious corporation  
 NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION of UNIVERSALISTS, having its principal office at 526 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, that the parties of the first part in consideration of One Dollar, lawful money of the United States and in accordance with the provisions of an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, dated February 11, 1948, and entered on or about said date in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in a certain proceeding entitled, "In the Matter of <sup>the</sup> Dissolution of FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM, the sale of the real estate thereof; and Disposition of its Surplus", (File number 5325-1947) do hereby grant, confirm and release unto the party of the second part its successors and assigns forever,

*a/* All those lots or parcels of land in the Village of North Salem, Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, whereon the meeting house of said Society now stands, severally bounded and described as follows;

All that certain lot, being in front forty-seven feet on the Highway, in the rear thirty-seven feet, and sixty-two feet deep; bounded South by the Highway, East and North by land now or formerly of William Vail, Jr., and West by land formerly belonging to said Universalist Society; being the same premises heretofore conveyed to Samuel Hunt and others, Trustees of said Society by William Vail, Jr., and Nancy Vail, his wife, by deed recorded March 9, 1833, in Liber 48 of Deeds Page 443, in the Westchester County Clerk's office, and

Also all that other lot, beginning at the Southeast corner of the aforesaid lot, running thence North sixty-two feet, thence West thirty-seven feet by aforesaid lot; thence North in a straight line to the corner of the land now or formerly of Isaac Frost on the North side of the Horse Shed, (now or formerly); thence East and thence South as the fence now stands or formerly stood to the Northly side of the Highway, thence West to the place of beginning, containing one-quarter acre more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Society by deed of Walter K. Ritch and Anna M. Ritch, his wife, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's or Register's Office, in Liber 2988, at page 78 on November 14, 1929; *10*

TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the parties 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 FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM, which has no corporate seal, has caused this indenture to be executed by its duly elected Trustees; and the above named Trustees have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY in NORTH SALEM

By *Elliot P. Barber* L.S.

*A. Laura Horne* L.S.

*Laura Howe Nelson* L.S.

*Frederic J. Nelson* L.S.

*Mary H. Ritch* L.S.

TRUSTEES

*Elliot P. Barber* L.S.

*A. Laura Horne* L.S.

*Laura Howe Nelson* L.S.

*Frederic J. Nelson* L.S.

*Mary H. Ritch* L.S.

TRUSTEES

State of New York  
County of Westchester

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1948 before me came

Elliott B. Barber, A. Laura Howe, Laura Howe Nelson, Frederick T. Nelson and Mary H. Ritch to me known, who by me being duly sworn, did depose and say that they reside respectively as follows, to wit

Elliott B. Barber, at Salem Center, New York

A. Laura Howe at Brewster, New York

Laura Howe Nelson, at Titicus Road, North Salem, New York

Frederick T. Nelson, at Titicus Road, North Salem, New York.

Mary H. Ritch, at Osborn Memorial Home, Harrison, New York

*Aaron Seaman*

that they are the Trustees of First Universalist Church in North Salem, the ~~trust corporation~~ *which corporation has no corporate seal* corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument, and that they signed their names thereto by order of The Board of Trustees thereof.

*Aaron Seaman*

AARON SEAMAN  
Notary Public in the State of New York  
Appointed for Westchester County  
Commission expires March 30, 1949

State of New York  
County of Westchester

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1948 before me Elliott B. Barber,

A. Laura Howe, Laura Howe Nelson, Frederick T. Nelson, and Mary H. Ritch to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

*Aaron Seaman*

AARON SEAMAN  
Notary Public in the State of New York  
Appointed for Westchester County  
Commission expires March 30, 1949

Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester  
(Division of Land Records) on May 14, 1948.  
at 9:41 a. M. in Liber 4631 Page 360 of Deeds

Witness my hand  
and Official Seal.

ROBERT J. FIELD, Clerk

C. O. Canfield Henderson Deputy Clerk

5.11 Liber 4631  
107 Page 360  
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
IN NORTH SALEM

to

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION  
OF UNIVERSALISTS

NO. 14688  
DEED MAY 14 1948  
941 P.M.  
A.M.

The land affected by the  
within instrument lies  
in the Town of North Salem  
County of Westchester.

LEONARD KLABER  
Attorney  
420 Lexington Ave.,  
New York.

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LEONARD KLABER  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 15, 1950.

Trustees of the New York State Convention  
of Universalists,  
C/o Rev. Fred C. Leining,  
526 Cumberland Ave., Syracuse.

Dear Sirs:-

Mr. Arthur H. Vail, Jr., the broker who has been working on the sale of the Church property of the North Salem Universalist Society, has just written to me requesting that I submit to you an offer made by Warren B. Lucas to buy the Church land and building for \$3,000. Mr. Lucas forwards \$300. check on account of the purchase price endorsed to the order of the convention, which I enclose herewith.

Mr. Lucas intends to convert the building into a dwelling and as he is to be married shortly, he must have a prompt answer. The offer is therefore limited to June 12, 1950. Mr. Lucas is willing to permit the removal of the church windows or other memorials by any interested parties.

Mr. Vail advises me that last year's plan to use the property for a community house cannot be revived; and this sale is due only to the special efforts which Mr. Vail has made at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick T. Nelson, two of the members of the former church.

The Nelsons feel it would be detrimental to the neighborhood if the Church property were to continue idle and deteriorating, and most strongly recommend this sale.

Knowing the property and all the circumstances of this situation, I take the liberty of saying that the proposed sale would be clearly desirable to your organization and to the neighborhood, and respectfully suggest prompt action by your body.

Very truly yours,

*Leonard Klaber*

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
PLAINFIELD AT MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK

August 10, 1950

Mr. Donald W. Beebe, Treasurer  
New York State Convention of Universalists  
373 Argonne Drive  
Kenmore 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Beebe:

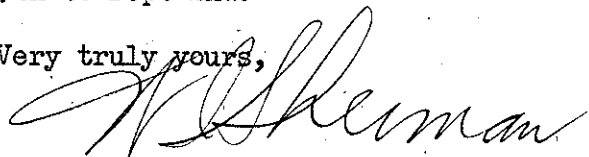
Dr. Leining wrote me some time ago telling me to write to you when we had received all the articles from North Salem. As we, so far, have only been up once and brought back 17 pews and the communion set, and have seven more pews to get as well as the memorial window, I had not written to you.

However, I know that I should have written to report progress. A few days ago I received a letter from Mr. Vail, agent for the purchaser, telling me that we could remove the large memorial window as well as some smaller ones and he suggested that it would be well to wait until the title had closed before doing so, as we would not want to remove the widnows and then find something had blocked the closing and leave the building in a delapidated condition. I wrote to Dr. Leining asking when the closing was scheduled for, but as he is away, have not yet received the reply.

We plan to go up and bring back the remaining seven pews, the large memoi~~rial~~ window and the two small round windows in the peaks, front and back, of the church. We shall go as soon as we are advised that the windows have been made ready for shipment and the title has closed. Perhaps there should be some stipulation in the closing covering our right to remove these things after the closing.

I thank you for your letter and shall keep you advised of any further developments. I shall be out of town on vacation from August 19th to Sept 2nd.

Very truly yours,



Walter I. Sherman  
53 Fern Street  
Floral Park, NY

# This Indenture.

Made the 20th day of September Nineteen Hundred and Fifty

Between NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

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

party of the first part, and

WARREN LUCAS, residing at Peach Lake, Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York.

party of the second part:

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

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

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

paid by the party of the second part,

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

distributees and assigns forever, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of North Salem, County of Westchester and State of New York and more particularly bounded and described as follows:-

BEGINNING at a point on the Northerly side of the public highway known as Titicus Road, adjoining land now or formerly of Agatha R. Keeler; thence leaving the northerly side of said highway and running along land now or formerly of said Keeler and along the Westerly face of a retaining wall the following courses and distances: North 22° 38' 40" West 62 feet; North 24° 37' 00" West 96.96 feet and North 23° 09' 10" West 120.78 feet to a point and land now or formerly of Herman and Lottie Groth; thence running along the last mentioned land and along a stone wall, North 66° 29' 50" East 64.89 feet to a point; thence still running along the last mentioned land and along the Westerly face of a retaining wall and a stone post and pipe rail fence, South 27° 21' 40" East 238.33 feet to a point in the aforementioned Northerly side of the public highway known as Titicus Road; thence running along the northerly side of said highway, South 39° 03' 00" West 90.95 feet to the point and place of beginning.

It being intended to convey the same premises described and conveyed in Deed dated February 27, 1948, from the First Universalist Society of North Salem to the New York State Convention of Universalists, which deed was recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on May 14, 1948, in Liber 4631 of Deeds at page 360, and the same premises conveyed by Deed dated October 16, 1930 from said First Universalist Society in North Salem to the New York State Convention of Universalists, Inc., said Deed being recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office in Liber 3091 of Deeds at page 26 on the 24th day of October, 1930.



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.

**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, his distributees 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.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF  
UNIVERSALISTS

By HOWARD B. GILMAN  
President

Attest:

Fred Leining

3.30  
U.S. Stamp

State of New York

County of HERKIMER

ss.:

CITY of LITTLE FALLS

On this 20th day of September Nineteen Hundred and Fifty before me personally came HOWARD B. GILMAN

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 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~~ Trustees

of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

George S. Jones

Notary Public in the State of N.Y.  
Herkimer Co. Notary Public No. 255  
Commission Expires March 30, 1952

(County Clerks Cert attached)

**Deed**

CORPORATION-BARGAIN AND SALE

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

TO

WARREN LUCAS

Dated, September 20 1950

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of \_\_\_\_\_ ss.

RECORDED ON THE

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D., 19

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

in LIBER \_\_\_\_\_ of DEEDS

at PAGE \_\_\_\_\_ and examined

CLERK