

[Otsego (Fly Creek), Otsego Co.]

116-YEAR-OLD CHURCH IS SOLD AT AUCTION

FLY CREEK, N. Y., May 13 (AP)—The 116-year-old universalist church in this Otsego county hamlet, closed for three years with no worshippers to answer its bell, has been sold at auction for its bricks and beams.

The structure, housing the first New York Universalist congregation west of the Hudson river, was "knocked down" to a local merchant for \$85.

And the plot of ground which the pioneers cleared of primeval trees to erect their church brought a high bid of \$90 from a group which will convert it into a parking lot.

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