

[Pavilion, Genesee Co. NY]

The First Universalist Society of Pavilion was organized October 10, 1831 by James Sprague, who was chosen moderator, and Elijah Olmstead. There were 38 members that composed the first meeting. Rev. L. L. Sadler was the first minister. The present church was erected in 1832, at a cost of \$2100. Captain James Sprague, Jr., was the leading man of the society in its early days, and foremost in its support. Some of its ministers have been Alfred Peck in 1834, A.[Alanson] Kelsey on 1840, J Davy, J.[John] S. Brown, N. M. Fisk, Orville Brayton, Charles Cravens, Charles Dutton, and M. D. Shumway. The society is not increasing in numbers, and at present they have no settled minister, but sometimes are supplied from Le Roy. The cemetery adjacent to the Universalist Church was the first used as such in the town, in 1812.

Frederick W. Beers, *Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, N.Y., 1788-1890* (Syracuse, N.Y., J. W. Vose & Company, 1890), p. 593