

[Portland, Chautauqua Co. NY]

A Universalist Society was formed September 21, 1821, by fourteen persons, at the house of Simon Burton. On September 24, trustees and a clerk were chosen. About a year later a church was formed with thirty-five members and regular services were practiced for a number of years. On March 24, 1824, the First Universalist Society in Portland was incorporated, but no property was acquired and the church later ceased to exist.

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