

[Rushford, Allegany Co.]

Universalist Church.— In the [eighteen] forties a Universalist church was organized and in a few years a church edifice was constructed and dedicated. Isaiah Lathrop, Mr. Leavens and Mr. Colburn were early Universalists. Early preachers were Nathaniel Stacy, Wm. Gowdy, I.[Ichabod] B. Sharp, J.[John] B. Saxe, J. J. Brayton. Owing to deaths and removals, and lack of others to take their places, the church declined and meetings ceased to be held and the church building was sold to the Free Methodists in 1873.

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