

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New-York entitled an Act to enable all religious denominations in this State to incorporate, it shall be a Body Corporate for the purpose of taking care of the Temporalities of their respective Congregations, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And, whereas by said Act, it is enacted that from and after the passing said Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the male persons of full age belonging to any Church Congregation, or religious Society not already established within this State, or which may at any time hereafter be within the same, to assemble and meet together at the Church Meeting-House, or other place where they statedly attend for Divine-Worship. And there, by plurality of voices, to elect, nominate and appoint any number of discreet and prudent persons of their Church Congregation, or Society, not less than three, or exceeding nine in number, as Trustees, to take the Charge of the estate, and property to their respective Churches Congregations, or religious Societies; and to transact all affairs relative to the Temporalities of their respective Churches, Congregations, or Societies. —

And, whereas by said Act, it is enacted, that on said Day of election, two of the Elders, or Church Wardens of said Church, Congregation, or Society shall preside at such Election, receive the votes of the electors; be Judges of the qualifications of such electors, and officers; and to return the names of the persons, who, by the plurality of voices, shall be elected Trustees, as afore said.

And, whereas by said Act, it is enacted, that, in case there should be no Elders, Church Warden nor Deacons, then it shall be lawful for said Electors to elect by plurality of voices, two members of said Church Congregation, or Society, to hold the said election, and be the return

County of Ontario, State of New-York,
Jerusalem, seventeenth of the 11th M^o, in the Year of
our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety one

We, the subscribers, being of the Church, Congregation, Society
or Community of ^{universal} Friends, settled on the west side of the Sene-
ca Lake, and according to the notice given by Richard Smith
Smith (being a member of said Society) on two succeeding
~~admitted~~ ~~or meeting days~~ sabbath days after said day of
election, and on said day, being met at the Friends Meeting-
House, in said Jerusalem, in compliance with, and in confor-
mity to a certain law of this State, passed the sixth Day
of the fourth month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven-
hundred and eighty four: entitled an Act to enable all religi-
ous denominations within this State, to appoint Trustees
for the purposes therein mentioned.

And, there being no
Elders, Church Wardens, or Deacons, belonging to said Church
Congregation, Society, or Community; and we being (as said
law directs) elected returning officers thereof; and having at
said time and place, duly attended the said business, do hereby
certify that we were then, and there, by plurality of voices,
duly elected returning officers as aforesaid, and that
Richard Smith, Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan
Dains, John Briggs, all being and belonging to said
Church, Congregation, Society, or Community, were then, and
there, by plurality of voices, duly elected Trustees, for the pur-
pose aforesaid, by the male inhabitants of said Congregation
or Community. And that they the said Richard Smith,
Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan Dains, John Briggs,
In their said Capacity as Trustees, and their successors forever
hereafter have, hold, and occupy said office and trust, by the
name and title of the Trustees of the Community of Universal
Friends, and in said Capacity to do, act, and transact, every matter
and thing, in this State, or any other State, which hath been, or
which may be appropriated to the benefit of said Community
or in any wise appropriated to promote and forward the Divine

County of Ontario, State of New-York,
Jerusalem, seventeenth of the 11th M^o in the Year of
our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety one
We, the subscribers, being of the Church, Congregation, Society
or Community of ^{universal} Friends, settled on the west side of the Seneca
Lake, and according to due notice given by Richard Smith
Smith (being a member of said Society) on two succeeding
~~at the~~ ~~or meeting~~ ~~days~~ fifteen days before the day of
election, and on said day, being met at the Friends Meeting-
House, in said Jerusalem, in compliance with, and in conform-
-mity to a certain law of this State, passed the sixth Day
of the fourth month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven-
hundred and eighty four: entitled an Act to enable all religi-
-gious denominations within this State, to appoint Trustees
for the purposes therein mentioned.

And, there being no
Elders, Church Wardens, or Deacons, belonging to said Church
Congregation, Society, or Community; and we being (as said
law directs) duly elected returning officers thereof; and having at
said time and place, duly attended the said business, do hereby
certify that we were then, and there, by plurality of voices,
duly elected returning officers as aforesaid, and that
Richard Smith, Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan
Dains, John Briggs, all being and belonging to said
Church, Congregation, Society, or Community, were then, and
there, by plurality of voices, duly elected Trustees, for the pur-
-pose aforesaid, by the male inhabitants of said Congregation
or Community. And that they the said Richard Smith,
Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan Dains, John Briggs,
In their said Capacity as Trustees, and their successors forever
hereafter have, hold, and occupy said office and trust, by the
name and title of the Trustees of the Community of Universal
Friends, and in said Capacity to do, act, and transact, every matter
and thing, in this State, or any other State, which hath been, or
may be appropriated to the benefit of said Community

Jerusalem, seventeenth of the month of June, in the year of
our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety one

We, the subscribers, being of the Church, Congregation, Society
or Community of ^{universal} Friends, settled on the west side of the Seneca
Lake, and according to the notice given by Richard Smith
Smith (being a member of said Society) on two succeeding
Sabbaths for meeting together, seven days after said day of
election, and on said day, being met at the Friends Meeting
House, in said Jerusalem, in compliance with, and in conform-
-mity to a certain law of this State, passed the sixth Day
of the fourth month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven
hundred and eighty four: entitled an Act to enable all religi-
-gious denominations within this State, to appoint Trustees
for the purposes therein mentioned.

And, there being no
Elders, Church Wardens, or Deacons, belonging to said Church
Congregation, Society, or Community; and we being (as said
law directs) elected returning officers thereof; and having at
said time and place, duly attended the said business, do hereby
certify that we were then, and there, by plurality of voices,
duly elected returning officers as aforesaid, and that
Richard Smith, Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan
Dains, John Briggs, all being and belonging to said
Church, Congregation, Society, or Community, were then, and
there, by plurality of voices, duly elected Trustees, for the pur-
-pose aforesaid, by the male inhabitants of said Congregation
or Community. And that they the said Richard Smith,
Isaac Nichols, Abel Botsford, Jonathan Dains, John Briggs,
In their said Capacity as Trustees, and their successors forever
hereafter have, hold, and occupy said office and trust, by the
name and title of the Trustees of the Community of Universal
Friends, and in said Capacity to do, act, and transact, every matter
and thing, in this State, or any other State, which hath been, or
which may be appropriated to the benefit of said Community
or in any wise appropriated to promote and forward the Divine

Divine and Solemn Worship of God by any of said
Society, or any member of said Community; and every
matter and thing which by law, they in said Capacity
may, or ought to do — — —

In Witness Whereof we, the
said Returning Officers, as aforesaid, have hereunto, set
our hands and Seals, in said County, the Day and date
being before written

Jonathan BotSFord

Benjamin Brown

George Sisson

Jonathan BotSFord

Ontario County Clerk I hereby certify that on the third
Day of November in the year one thousand eight
hundred and one came before me Moses Atwater
one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas
for said County George Sisson who solemnly
affirmed he saw Benjamin Brown and
Jonathan BotSFord sign seal and deliver
the foregoing instrument as their free Act
and Deed and I subscribed and recorded as such

Moses Atwater

Office of the
Registrar of the County of
Lincoln

Act of Incorporation
of Universal Friends

part

Balance for:

Received for Record 22.
December 1814 at 12 o'clock
AM and Recorded in City
Collection at 10
3/4 and examined

Allyson Tooten



Universal Friends Society
Act of Incorporation

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