

State of Michigan

Calhoun County, ss. We the undersigned, two members & voters of the

church hereafter mentioned, do hereby certify that under & in pursuance of an act of the State of Michigan, entitled "an act, concerning churches and religious societies, establishing uniform rules for the acquisition, tenure, control, & disposition of property conveyed or dedicated for religious purposes, & to repeal chapter fifty two, of the Revised Statutes, approved February 13th 1853" on the 24th day of March 1856. the legal voters of said church, being the "First Methodist Episcopal Church of Battle Creek," already incorporated, met at the place of public worship heretofore occupied by said church, in the Township of Eweret in said County, pursuant, to due legal notice thereof for the purpose of electing

Trustees, & the said voters did then & there elect by ballot, Charles, Parker, John W. Smith, Milton W. Ingory, Lyman Pitte and Solomon Rogers, as trustees of the said Church and the said voters, did then & there determine that the said trustees ~~and~~ their successors in office should from hereafter be called & known by the name & title of, "Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Battle Creek" that the undersigned were at said meeting nominated by a majority of the voters present to be inspectors of such election, for the reason that no two of the officers of said Church as designated in Section five of said act, were present to act as inspectors, and that the members of said Church celebrate divine worship according to the rites of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Witness our hands & seals this thirtieth day of May 1856.

Signes sealed & delivered
In presence of
Levi Mosher

Wm. Christy
Lyman Pitte

State of Michigan,
Cathlamet County, ss.

On this thirtieth day of May 1856, before me a justice of the Peace of said County, personally appeared William Christy & Lyman Pitte known to me to be the persons who executed the above certificate or instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same.

Levi Mosher

Justice of the Peace

Recorded June 18th A.D. 1856

Samuel L. Gandy
Clerk