

First Society of the Methodist }  
 Episcopal Church in Marshall } We the undersigned do certify  
 that in pursuance of previous notice given according  
 to the regulations of the Statute in such case made and  
 provided, a meeting of the members of the Methodist  
 Episcopal Church in the Town of Marshall, County  
 of Calhoun and State of Michigan, was holden  
 at the usual place of worship of said Society on  
 the 10th day of April 1837 to elect six Trustees for  
 said Church and that the undersigned were duly  
 appointed by the said meeting to preside at said  
 election - That at said election Ira Wood, Sidney  
 Ketchum, Aziah C. Robinson, Solomon M. Allen  
 Bruce P. Meiner & Randall Hobart were duly elected  
 Trustees of said Church by a plurality of votes given  
 under the name and style of the "First Society of  
 the Methodist Episcopal Church in Marshall"

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands  
 and seals this 13th day of April in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven  
 Sealed and delivered  
 in presence of  
 James S Sandford  
 H. P Phelps  
 Randall Hobart  
 Aziah Breakem


Subscribed and acknowledged before me this  
 13th day of April 1837 to be true certificate as above  
 H. P Phelps, Justice Peace  
 Cal. County

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William Crane

Minister of the Gospel  
Credentialed

Know all men by these presents  
that I Elijah Hedding one of the  
Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in  
the United States of America under the protection  
of Almighty God and with a single eye to his glory, by  
the imposition of my hands and prayer have this  
day set apart William Crane for the office of a Deacon  
in the said Methodist Episcopal Church, a man  
who, in the judgment of the General Annual Conference  
is well qualified for that work, and he is hereby recommend-  
ed to all whom it may concern as a proper person  
to administer the ordinance of Baptism, Morning  
and the burial of the Dead in the absence of an Elder  
and to feed the flock of Christ so long as his spirit  
and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ  
and he continueth to hold fast the form of sound  
words according to the established doctrines of the  
Gospel. In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of October  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty four

Elijah Hedding 

Brockport N. Y.

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