

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE FREE SPIRIT

PULLMAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

1894 CENTENNIAL 1994



JAMES LEWIS PULLMAN
1800 - 1853



EMILY CAROLINE PULLMAN
1808 - 1893

ALBION, N.Y.

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ORGAN CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH
7:30 P.M. Program with Wade Gidley, Susan Thaine and Adam Wallis

CENTENNIAL - SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
1:30 P.M. COMMUNITY PARADE
Led by Renovation Lodge No. 97 F & AM
2:30 P.M. RE-DEDICATION OF THE CORNERSTONE
By the Grand Master of Masons of N.Y. State
Keynote Remarks by Rev. Richard Gilbert
TOURS - ORGAN MUSIC - RECEPTION
7:00 P.M. BANQUET (\$10.00 reservation - \$35-95.10)
8:00 P.M. HISTORICAL/MUSICAL PROGRAM
All Welcome

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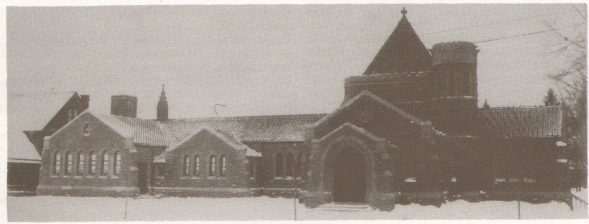
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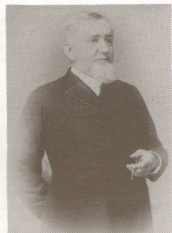
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This property was placed on the national register of historic places by the United States Department of The Interior - August 31, 1979. It is a unique and outstanding architectural landmark.



George Mortimer Pullman 1831 - 1897



Charles A. Danolds 1818-1899 of Eagle Harbor, N.Y. was a contractor, a pillar in the historic Cobblestone Church and a life long friend of G.M. Pullman.

A TOAST

Always given before the Dinner at the Annual Meeting To Charles A. Danolds who conceived the idea. To George M. Pullman who made possible the erection of this edifice. And to all others who have labored in this Church for the cause of Universalism; We drink this toast.



Harriet A. Cole Hart 1834 - 1917 (Mrs. Joseph Hart) was a leading founder and served on the first Board of Trustees of The Pullman Memorial Church.

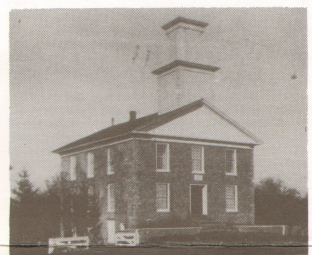


Rev. Dr. Charles Fluhner installed as first Pastor in the Pullman Church January 31, 1895, instituted the Good Friday Service in which the congregation gathers around a table not unlike the Last Supper.

P.M.U.C. FOUNDING & INCORPORATION
A meeting was held at the Court House Aug. 18th, 1891, for the purpose of legally organizing and incorporating the society according to the laws of the State of New York. A committee consisting of S.S. Spencer, John A. Dibble and J. W. Wright was appointed to present a set of by-laws and also to report a list of officers. The committee reported that the name of the organization shall be known as the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church of Albion, N.Y., and submitted the following named persons as officers: Trustees, C.A. Danolds, John Lattin, Mrs. Joseph Hart, Sheldon Warner, Mrs. S.S. Spencer, W.A. Tanner, J.D. Billings, Adelbert Chapman, Mrs. F.E. Kittridge; Treasurer, George J. Reed; Clerk, F.E. Kittridge. The report of the committee was accepted and adopted and the above named officers duly elected.

WHAT'S IN THE CORNERSTONE?

At the Masonic corner stone laying ceremony for the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church, May 19, 1894 Acting Grand Secretary George A. Newell read the list of articles included in the copper box. They included papers relative to the building of the church and the guarantee fund, copy of the act of incorporation and constitution of the church, list of officers of the church association and membership of the Ladies' Aid Society, order of exercises of laying the corner stone, pamphlets in memorial of Mr. Pullman's parents and photographs and biographical sketch of Mr. Pullman, story of the town of Pullman, pamphlet of the unveiling of the group of the massacre of 1812, village and town officers of Albion, and members of board of Orleans county supervisors of 1893, Albion village papers, pamphlets of grand State encampment of I.O.O.F., degree Rebekah lodge, I.O.O.F., also an \$8 bill, continental money of 1778, given by Albert Achilles.



This 1890's photo shows the historic Cobblestone Society Museum. Once known as the Church of the Good Shepherd when Childs was called Fairhaven, it is the oldest Cobblestone Church in North America. The tablet over the front door states: Erected by the First Universalist Society A.D. 1834 GOD IS LOVE. In 1993 it was made a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service through the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

EXCERPT FROM AN HISTORICAL SKETCH BY REV. CHARLES FLUHRER, D.D.

The history of Universalism in the vicinity of Albion dates back to the time of the pioneer preachers in Western New York. As early as 1830 Rev. Hollis Samsom preached at Barre, and as the Ridge Road was at that time a great highway from East to West, Fair Haven became one of the thrifty localities where the great salvation was proclaimed. A goodly number of believers having been gathered there and in that vicinity the present stone church was built and dedicated in 1834. As years passed and Newport, now Albion, grew to become the more populous centre, the pastor at Fair Haven held occasional service here. From 1845 to 1850 there were meetings in the Court House, Revs. Moses B. and I.J. Smith, Wm. B. Cook and R.H. Pullman conducting the services. It was probably through the solicitations of James Lewis Pullman, Oretus Bumpus and other devoted friends of our cause here that these services were held. I cannot learn, however, that any organization was effected at that time; if so, the record has been lost.

The Rev. A. Kelsey was a resident of Albion for fourteen years and during that time preached in Clarendon, South Barre, Barre Centre and Fair Haven. In 1860 he held services in Albion, which continued for a period of six months and with considerable promise of permanent success, until the approaching Civil War turned the popular mind in an entirely different direction. I am quite confident that another attempt was made to establish our cause in Albion about 1867-8, and either at that time or in 1860 there was a small Sunday School, but these, like other previous efforts, proved spasmodic and temporary in their nature.

A long blank followed until 1890, from which time we must date a new area of Universalism in this place and vicinity.



The Victorian interior of the Pullman Memorial Church decorated for a wedding in 1994. The focal point here is the great Johnson organ opus 812 with stenciled gold leaf pipes by Tiffany. J. Orr Photo

The Pullman Memorial Universalist Church is available for weddings, christenings (dedications) and memorial services no matter what religious principles you have. Our church is a Liberal Church, we believe your religious convictions are your own personal concern.

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