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History in the Hamlet of Hulberton

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Located on Hulberton Road in the hamlet of Hulberton is a historic marker, which states: "Joseph Budd founder of Hulberton in 1826. Bought 130 acres of land, which he laid out in lots in 1830. He gave to M.E. Society this property, State Ed. Dept. 1932."

At one time a Methodist Church was located in Hulberton that had been erected in 1835. The historic marker is located on this site.

Our illustration is taken from the 1879 Illustrated Album of Orleans County. It shows the Medina sandstone house Mr. Budd had erected in 1848 for his residence.

However, in 1851, he sold it to Marcies H. Phillips. Descendants of Mr. Phillips continue to live in this house currently, which surprisingly looks just about the same now as it did in 1879.

The barn at the end of the driveway with its outstanding cupola remains a landmark.

The scene shown here illustrates one of activity showing someone has come to visit with the carriage out in front of the residence. A team of horses pulling a wagon is about to leave the premises as someone is getting ready to open the gate at the end of the driveway.

Hulberton was first called Scio, but in 1835 the name had to be changed when people there wanted a post office. Finding another Scio in New York, the community was renamed Hulberton after I.H.S. Hulbert, an active businessman there who dealt in all kinds of goods because of the canal trade. He bought and sold farm produce, stoves and lumber. He also served as justice of the peace and became the first postmaster.