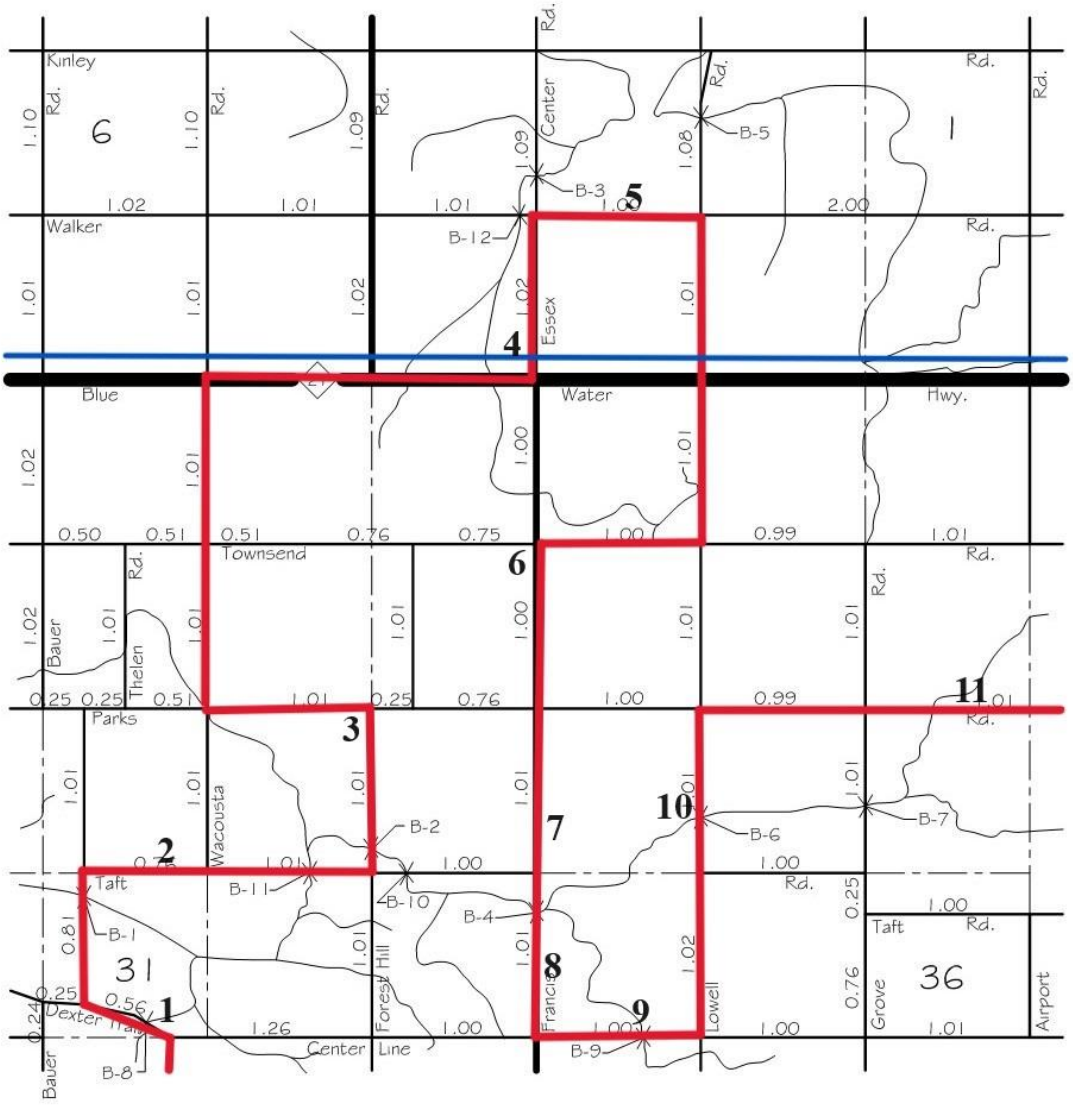
Bengal Township Tour

This township remains a rural farming area. As you travel through the township be sure to enjoy the historic barns that still stand.

The tour begins on Dexter Trail at Price Road and ends on Parks Road west of DeWitt Road.



1	**Riley Dexter Burial Site** 9621 Dexter Trail Cortland Hill, the first European settler in the township, was the original owner of this farm. This farm is the site of the first white child buried in Clinton County. Four years before Cortland Hill settled here, Samuel Dexter with a party of 63 other people traveled along the Dexter Trail on their way to Ionia from Detroit. Dexter's 2-year-old son died here of scarlet fever and was buried next the trail on this farm. The exact location is unknown. *Continue on Dexter Trail to Taft Road and turn right.*

2	**Oak Ridge Cemetery** Taft Road west of Wacousta Road Among those buried here is Walter Lewis Mundell who received a Congressional Medal of Honor for service during the Civil War. *Continue on Taft Road. At Forest Hill Road turn left. At Parks Road turn left.*
3	**Myers House** 8003 W. Parks Road This house with three porches was built prior to 1873. *Continue on Parks Road until you reach Wacousta Road. Turn right. At M-21 turn right. After 2 miles turn left on Francis Road.*
4	**CIS Trail** The CIS Trail runs just north of M-21 on the old Grand Trank Railroad grade. *In 1 mile turn right on Walker Road.*
5	**Frink Cemetery** North side of Walker east of Lowell Road This small cemetery was abandoned and many of the bodies moved to Mount Rest Cemetery including all of the Frink family. The old Frink School was on the northwest corner of Walker and Lowell Roads. *At Lowell Road turn right. In 2 miles turn right on Townsend Road and right on Francis Road.*
6	**Old Bengal Township Hall site** SW Corner of Francis The old township hall was used for over 100 years before being replaced with the current hall at 6586 M-21. On the northwest corner once stood the Bengel Center3 School.
7	**Dickenson House** 3637 S. Francis Road This Queen Anne style house was built in 1881, however, the surrounding building date back to 1847.
8	**Irrer Mint Farm** 4507 Francis Road. Operating as Stony Creek Essential Olis, Inc. the Irrer family has been growing mint since 1948. Starting with 10 acres they now grow over 2,000 acres of mint. The mint is processed in a distillery located here to remove the oil. In addition to mint, they also grow and process wormwood oil. The house, while appearing to be from the Victorian era, was built in 2005. *Turn left on Centerline Road.*
9	**Georgia Cemetery** Centerline road east of Lowell This small cemetery has graves from the 1870's to the early 1900's. *Turn left on Lowell Road.*

10	**Bray Cemetery** Lowell Road north of Taft Road The Bray cemetery was founded by the Bengel Cemetery Association in 1863 when they purchased ½ acre next to the Bray farm. *Turn right on Parks Road.*
11	**Fergus House** 4194 Parks Road This house was constructed in 1857 with 8x8 timbers. *Continue on Parks Road to DeWitt Road to end your tour.*