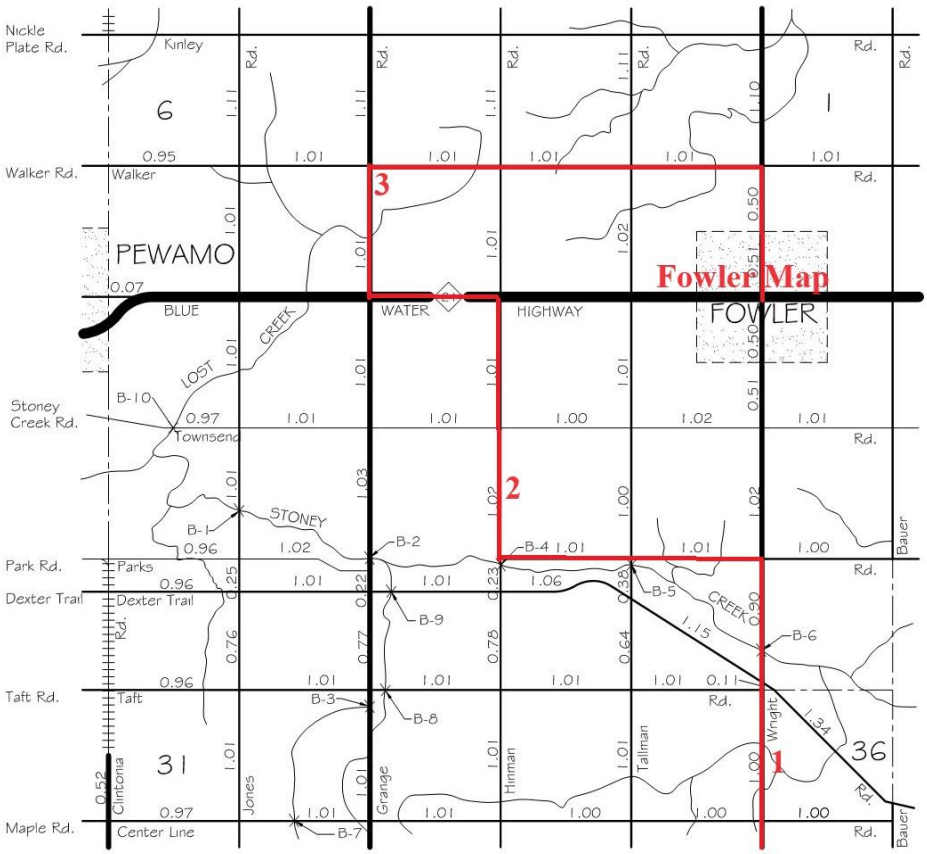
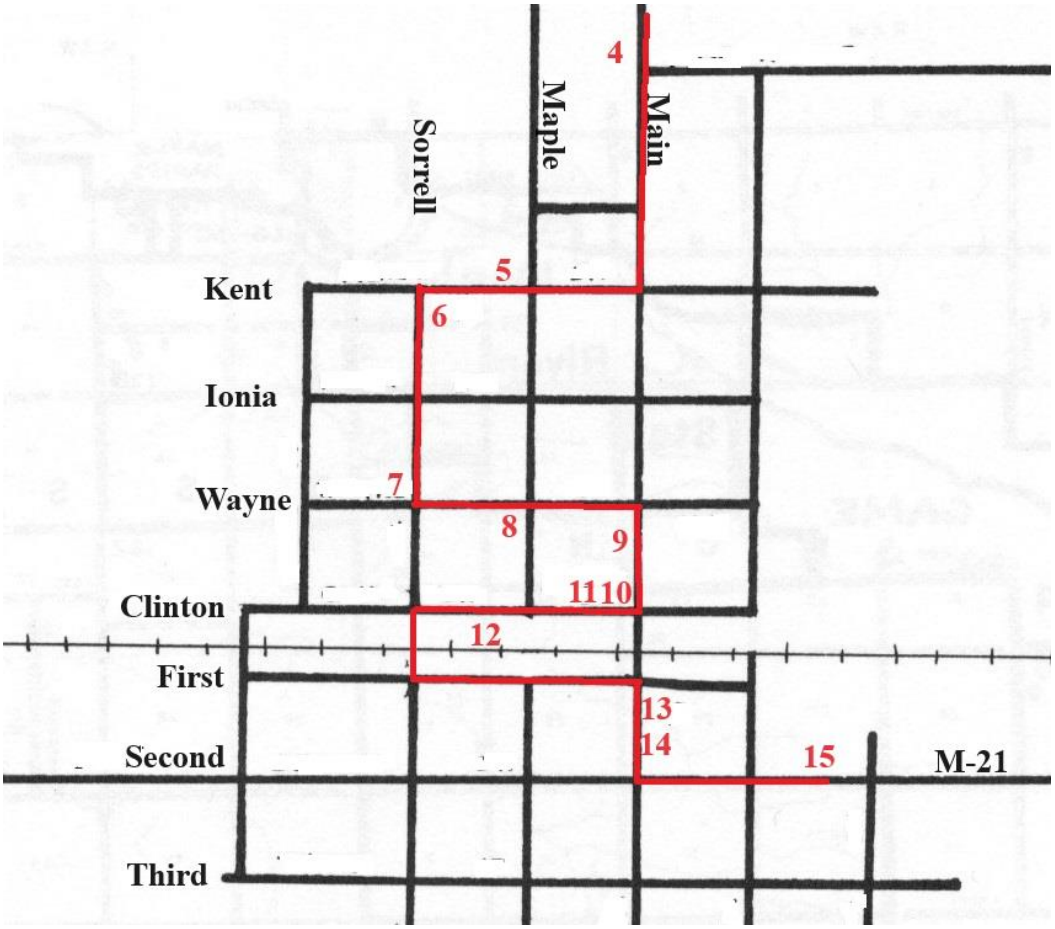
Dallas Township Tour

This tour begins at the intersection of Price and Wright Roads and ends in Fowler.



1	**St. Paul's Cemetery** East side of Wright Road ½ mile south of Taft Road This old cemetery was used by the St. Paul's Lutheran parish. Most of the graves date to the late 1800's. *Turn left on Park Road and right on Tallman Road.*
2	**Bauer Barn** 2121 South Tallman Road This 32x72 foot gambrel style barn was raised in 1939. It was originally located down the road, but moved here in 2008 when the owners were going to demolish it. This was a 2014 Michigan Barn Preservation Network barn of the year. *Turn left on M-21 and right on Grange Road.*
3	**Most Holy Trinity Cemetery** Southwest corner of intersection of Grange and Walker Roads Buried here is Clement A. Sohn. Sohn, who grew up on a Fowler farm, was an airplane daredevil who would jump from airplane wings, glide with his batwings, and then parachute to the ground. On April 25, 1937, after having made 175 successful jumps, his parachute failed to open and he plunged to his death in France. *Go east 3 miles on Walker Road and turn right on Wright Road.*



4	**Fowler** Fowler was founded in 1867 after the town of Dallas was moved about ½ mile west to the present site. It was originally called Isabella, but was soon changed to Fowler.
5	**Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church** 545 N. Maple Street, Fowler This church opened on November 11, 1917. Church members hauled local stones to build the lower portion of the building. This replaced the first Catholic church 1881 building. The name Most Holy Trinity was a compromise between the Irish who wanted Saint Patrick and the Germans who argued for Saint Boniface. Today statues of both saints are on the main altar.
6	**Old Fowler Catholic Church Site** SE Kent and Sorrell The cornerstone of this building was laid June 23, 1881, on land that had been donated by Mr. Fowler, the founder of the village. This building served as the church until 1917 when the present structure was completed across the street. It is currently the Most Holy Trinity Church Activity Center.

7	**St. Paul Lutheran Church** 329 North Sorrell Street This Briar Hall sandstone church was dedicated in 1948. It replaced two earlier buildings. The first was a wood frame church and the second a brick-veneer building that was destroyed by fire in 1945.
8	**Old Fowler High School** 241 N. Maple This building, the former Fowler High School, was opened in 1915. After the new high school on the southside of town was constructed in 1959 this building was converted into an apartment building.
9	**Old Fowler Movie Theater** 225 North Main Street This building was built about 1948 as the Fowler movie theater. After the theater closed it was converted into the Fowler Town Hall in 1998.
10	**Fowler House Hotel** 11020 W. Clinton Built in 1860 this was a hotel during the late 1800's and early 1900's.
11	**Smith House** 11046 West Clinton Street This house originally belonged to Levi Baldwin, and early businessman who handled hardware and agricultural implements.
12	**Rails to Trails Park** 1st Street between Maple and Sorrell Streets The last Grand Trunk Railroad train passed through Fowler in the early 1990's and the tracks were removed in 1995. The old railroad route is now a bike trail that runs from Ionia to Owosso. The sections in town are paved while the rural areas are crushed rock. A replica of the Fowler depot is in the park next to the trail in Fowler. The original depot was moved to 5353 N. Hinman Road. A memorial to Clem Sohn, known as the batman, is located next to the trail. (See also Most Holy Cemetery)
13	**Old Sturgis Opera House** 147 South Main Street This opera house was built about 1901 by Corwin Sturgis. The upper level was used for dances, plays, and high school commencements. The lower level was a hardware store. Currently it is a furniture store.
14	**Old Feldpausch Store** 137 South Main Street It was at this location Gregory Feldpausch ran a dry goods store around 1900 before moving to Hastings. His son Roman, born in Fowler in 1903, founded a chain of twenty Feldpausch Food stores which were purchased in 2007 by Spartan Stores. The building is currently Miller's Tavern.

15	**Old Quality Dairy** 10950 E. 2nd Street (M-21) Greg Martin was born in Fowler in 1909 and in 1936 co-founded the Quality Dairy Company which has multiple Lansing area locations. He built this building as a Quality Dairy and it was the only location north of Lansing. After Quality Dairy left Fowler, it became Thelen Market in 2021.

Additional Reading Suggestions:

Village of Fowler https://fowlermi.com/history.html