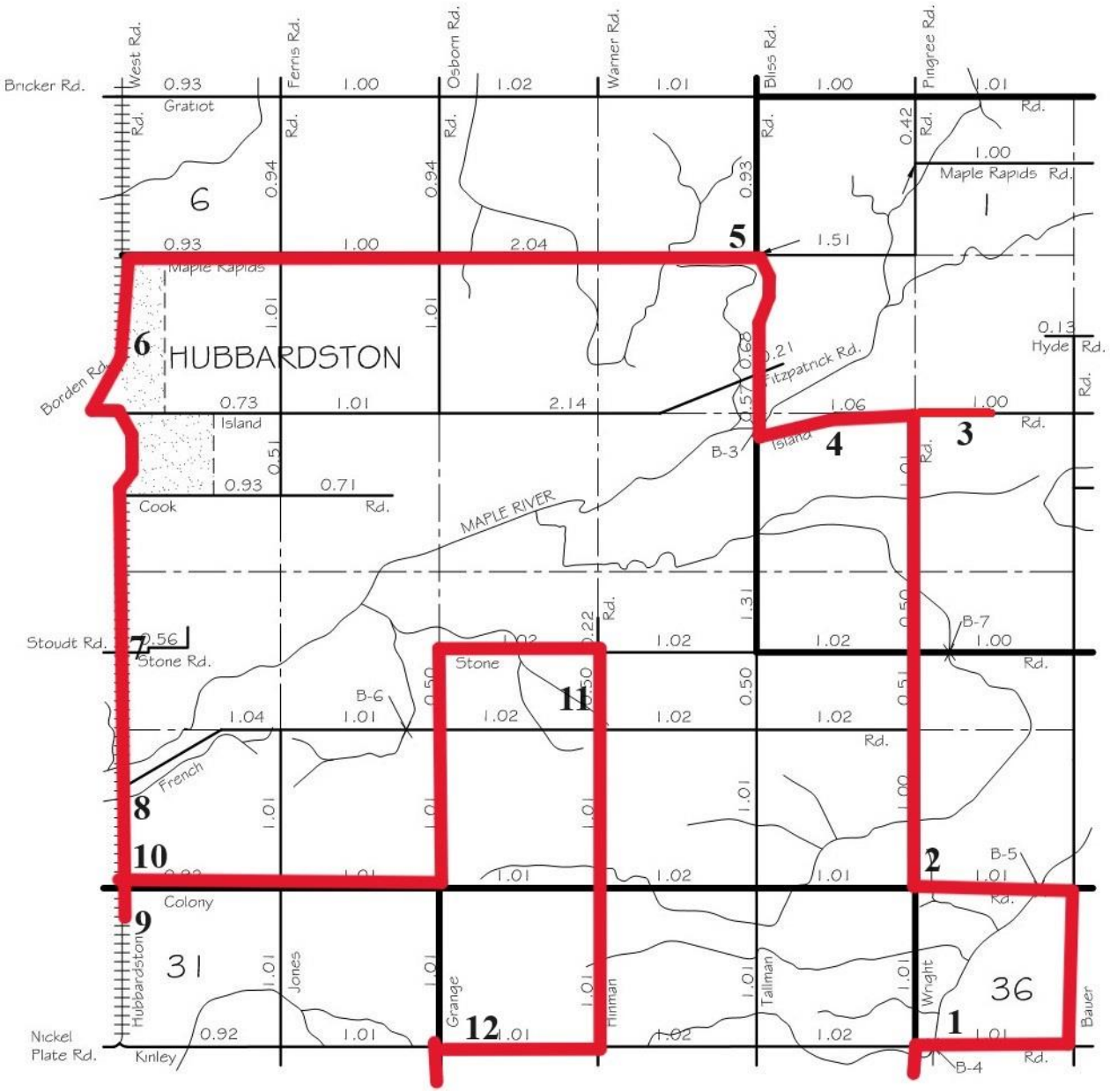
Lebanon Township Tour

This tour begins at the intersection of Wright and Kinley Roads (2 miles north of M-21) and just north of Fowler and ends at the intersection of Grange and Kinley Roads.



1	**Wagar Cemetery** Northside of Kinley Road between Bauer and Wright Roads This is a very small cemetery with graves dating to the 1860's. *Continue on Kinley to Bauer Road. Turn left and in 1 mile turn left on Coloney Road.*

2	**Old Strickland School and Township Hall** 10990 W. Colony Road The first Strickland school building was a log structure on the southeast corner of this intersection. The present building was erected in around 1874. After the school closed in 1959 the building was converted into the Lebanon Township Hall. *Turn right on Wright Road and go 3 miles to Island Road. The island is to your right on Island Road.*
3	**The Island** This natural formation is called the Island even though it is just a high area of land next to the Maple River and not surrounded by water. *Go west on Island Road.*
4	**Youngs House** 11403 Island Road This house was built prior to 1860. *At Tallman Road turn right and cross the Maple River. At Maple Rapids Road turn left.*
5	**Old Fitzpatrick School** NW Tallman and Maple Rapids This cement block school building was constructed in 1914. This school closed in 1943 after consolidating with Maple Rapids Schools. Just to the east is the Maple River State Game Area (also in Essex Township). This state game area is located along the Maple River and contains the only known salt marsh in Michigan. It also includes a large artificially created marsh which US-127 passes over in Gratiot County. The area is home to 25 species of birds including bald eagles and an abundance of fish and other animals. *Continue 4 miles west to Hubbardston/Clintonia Road. Turn left. In town the road is called N. Washington Street.*
6	**Hubbardston** This village sits on the county line with portions in both Clinton and Ionia Counties. It was established on Fish Creek which provided water power for mills. Today there are still a number of active businesses, churches, and a school. *At Main Street turn left and at the Y keep right onto Clintonia Road.*
7	**Matherton** This unincorporated town sits on the county line with portions in both Clinton and Ionia Counties named for Asaph Mather. Established in 1842 it once had a sawmill, gristmill, and several stores and shops. The old stone store still stands on the west side of the road. *Continue south to the East Plains Cemetery on the east side of the road..*
8	**East Plains Cemetery** Buried here with a Clinton County Historical Society Marker is Phillip O. “Skyman” Parmelee. Parmelee, born in nearby Matherton, was an early American aviator trained by the Wright Brothers who established several early aviation records. He died on June 1, 1912, during an air exhibition in Yakima, Washington, when his plane was struck with turbulence and crashed. There is a Michigan Historical Marker for him at the Capital City Airport. *Continue south to the intersection with Colony Road.*

9	**Steenblik Dairy Farm** 3844 N. Hubbardston Road This large dairy operation was founded by the Steenblik family after immigrating from the Netherlands. They milk thousands of cows each day. *Turn around and go east on Colony Road 2 miles to Grange Road. Turn left and in 1 ½ miles turn right on Stone Road and then right on Hinman Road.*
10	**Old Vance School** 15978 Hubbardston Road This brick building was constructed in the late 1860's or early 1870's. After the school merged with Pewamo in 1941, the building was converted into a residence. *Just south of the intersection is the large Steenblik Dairy Farm.*
11	**Feldpausch House** 5353 North Hinman A portion of this house was the original Fowler railroad depot which was moved here. *Go south on Hinman to Kinley Road and turn right.*
12	**Red Timber Ranch** 13520 W. Kinley Road This farm owned by the Frechen family raises beef, hogs, and poultry as pasture raised animals. *At Grange Road turn left*