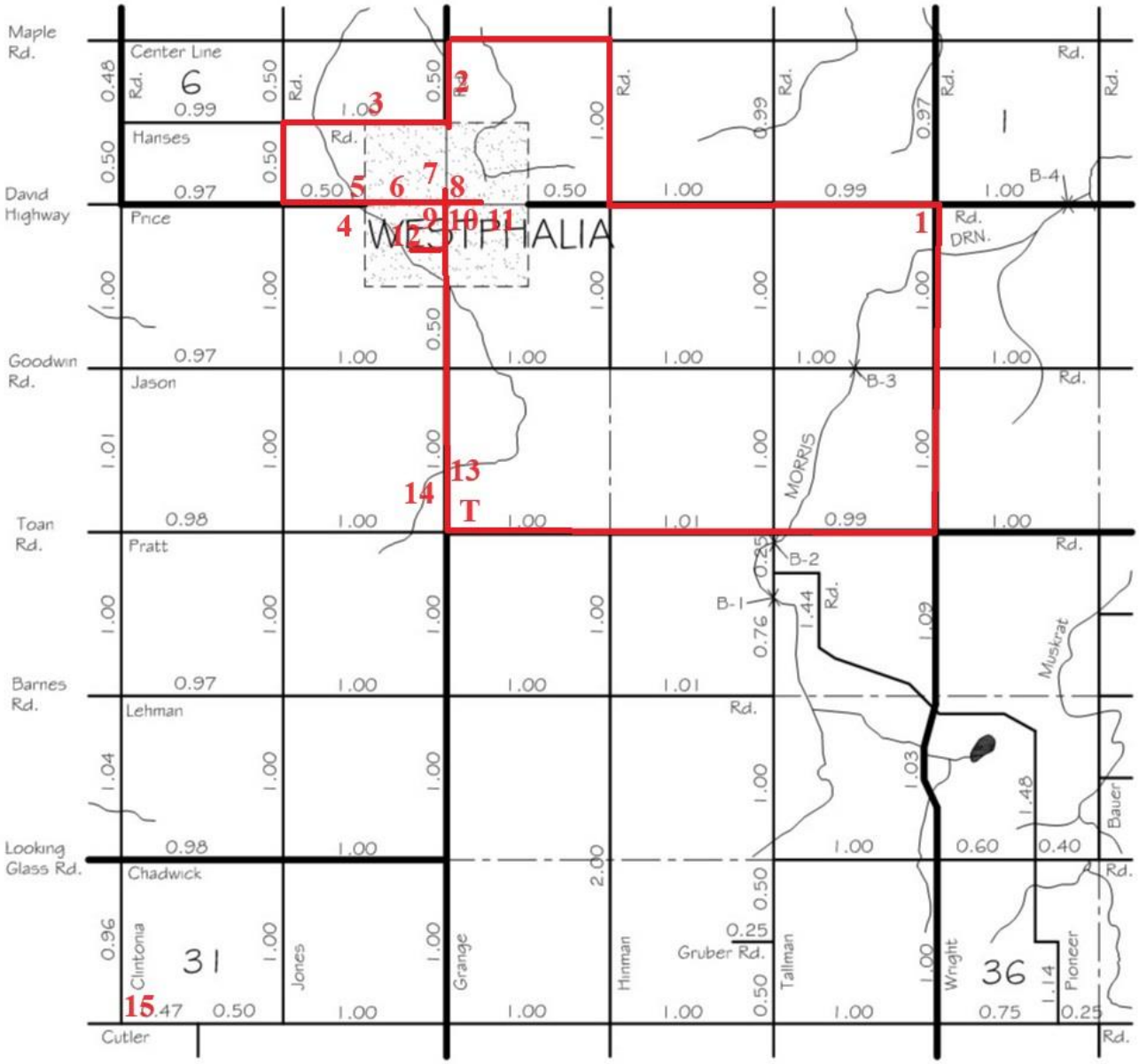
Westphalia Township Tour

This tour begins and ends at Price and Wright Road intersection.



1	**Old Luecht School** 11045 W. Price Road This school house closed in 1930 when all of its students were sent to Westphalia. It has been a residence since. *Go west 2 miles on Price Road. Turn right on Hinman, left on Centerline, and left on Grange Road.*

2	**Stanley and Rose Schafer Farm** 5131 S. Grange Road This is an example of the many centennial and sesquicentennial farms in this area. *Turn right on Hanses Road.*
3	**Hanses Farm** 14364 Hanses Road This family farm traces its beginning to 1836 with the founding of Westphalia. The house was built in 1888 *Turn left on Jones Road and left on Price Road.*
4	**St. Mary's Cemetery** 14546 W. Price This cemetery was founded in 1872. Bodies from several earlier burying grounds were moved here. A Grotto fashioned after the one in Lourdes, France, was built in 1935-6. The neighboring Daniel Droste Park was at one time an unused part of the cemetery property.
5	**Westphalia** The roots of this town and township were in the province of Westphalia in Germany. The first settlement was begun in September of 1836. In those pioneer days, the hamlet was referred to as "The Settlement." In the early days of Westphalia there were general stores, a tin shop, cooper shop, blacksmith shops, shoe shops, saloons, sawmill, gristmill, and a brickyard. Westphalia was incorporated in 1882.
6	**Westphalia Historical Museum** 120 W. Main Street This museum was established in 2014 by the Westphalia Historical Society and is open seasonally 2 days a month. The museum sits on the site of the Kloeckner's cabinet shop. *At the four corners turn left.*
7	**St. Mary's Church** 201 N. Westphalia Michigan Historical Marker This building was opened in 1962 and is the fifth Catholic church building in Westphalia. It replaces one that stood across the street and was destroyed in a 1959 fire. A Michigan Historical Marker was erected here in 1986 to commemorate the founding of the Westphalia Settlement and St. Mary's Parish. *Return to the four corners.*
8	**Westphalia Electric Building** 105 E. Main This is the oldest surviving building in Westphalia. It was built in 1852 for Joseph Platte, Sr. It was operated as a general store.
9	**Old Snitgen's General Store** 103 W. Main This building was constructed with Westphalia manufactured bricks. For many years it was a general store known as Snitgen Bros. Today it is The Ark, a youth center.

10	**Old Westphalia Hotel site** 101 E. Main Street This was the site of the Westphalia Hotel. It was replaced by a gas station in 1926 and is currently a parking lot.
11	**Oldest Brick House** 116 East Main Street This is the oldest brick residence in Westphalia. It was constructed of Westphalia manufactured bricks c1870's. Next door to the west is the old Westphalia Post Office building. *Go south on Westphalia Street/Grange Road two blocks to Ash Street and turn right.*
12	**Old Westphalia Village Public School** 108 W. Ash While most students in Westphalia's history have attended St. Mary's Catholic School, the village was for many years required to have a public school. This building housed a number of different grades over the years, typically ones the Catholic school didn't offer. After this school was closed the village was without a public school for a short time until a Kindergarten building was constructed on School Street. It is now a private preschool. *Return to Westphalia Street/Grange Road and go south.*
13	**Lenneman Farm** 7545 S. Grange Road This farm was founded by Frank Lenneman in 1864 and has been in the Lenneman family ever since.
14	**Pohl Farm** 7662 S. Grange This farm was founded by Nicholas and Mary Pohl in 1874 and is still in the Pohl family. The old Gross School was on the corner of Grange and Pratt Roads on the Pohl property. After the school closed, the building was moved to the Quinn farm and used as a storage shed. *If you'd like to view the old McKin School continue south on Grange to Cutler and then go west two miles. Otherwise, go east on Pratt Road past the township hall to Wright Road.*
Optional:	
15	**McKim School** 15980 Cutler Road. This school was built in 1875 and closed by 1945. It was then converted into a residence.

Additional Reading Suggestions:

Westphalia Historical Society - https://westphaliahistory.weebly.com/