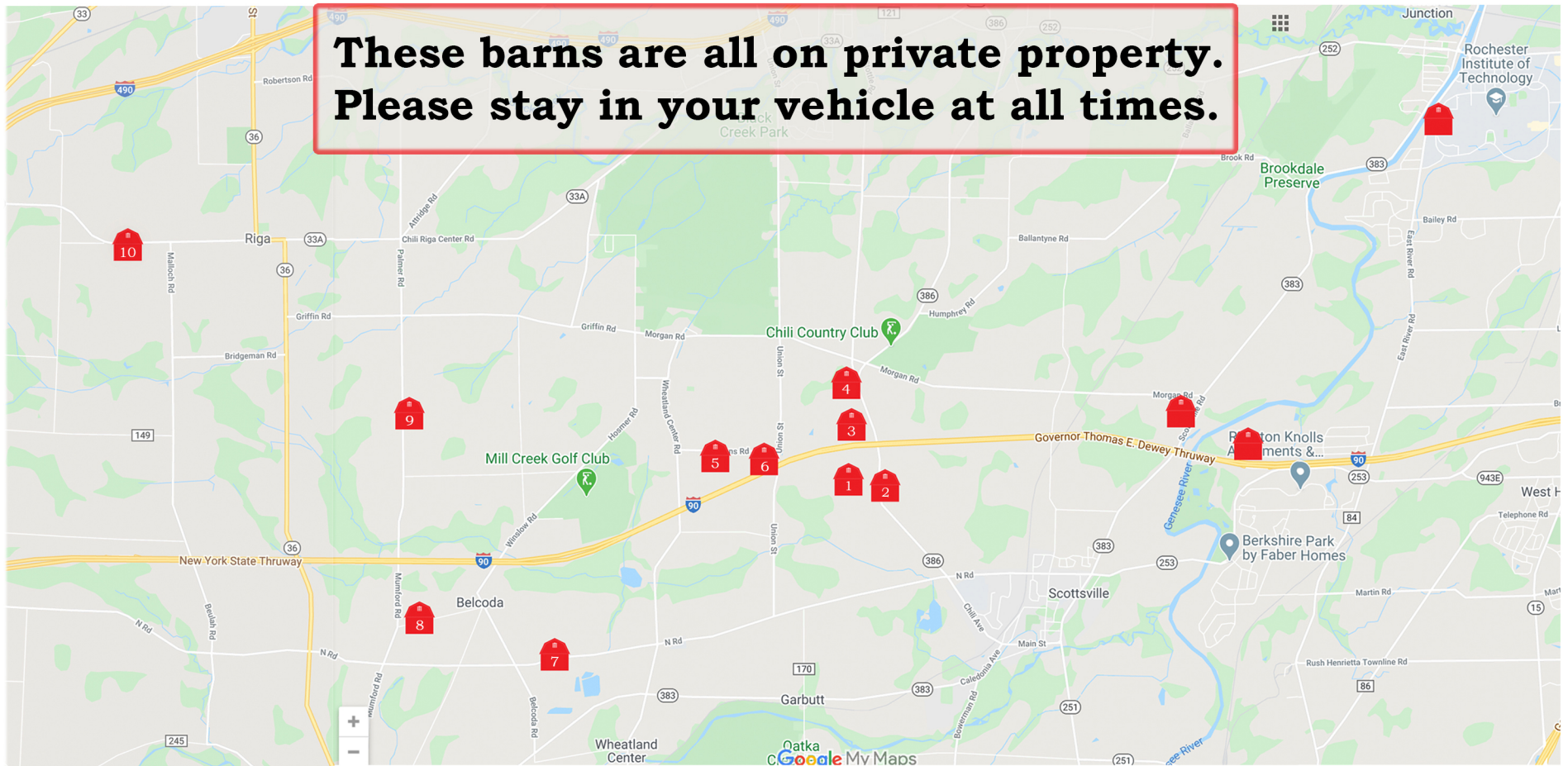


WELLS HISTORY

Wells Barn Driving Tour: Part 1

**These barns are all on private property.
Please stay in your vehicle at all times.**



Unfortunately, the Wells truss system, the outstanding interior feature of traditional Wells Barns, will not be visible on this tour.

However, you may look for the signature “Lazy W” window trim featured in the gable ends on many of the barns included in this portion of the driving tour.

This Wells Barn driving tour (Part 1) begins at the intersection of North Road and Scottsville-Chili Road near the Wheatland-Chili High School.

Travel north on Scottsville-Chili Road.

It is about 16 miles one-way.



1001 Scottsville-Chili Road



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(1 mile, right side, back of lot, north barn)



This barn was built in 1920 by the sons of J.T. Wells. (36' x 82' in size) Its present owner is Scott Krenzer. It is used to store machinery for sidewalk snowplows.



This barn was built in 1899 by John Talcott Wells Sr. for William Rafferty, a Scottsville wagon maker. (36' x 70' in size) David and Gary Fisher are its present owners.



939 Scottsville-Chili Road

(1.5 miles, left side, behind house, south barn)



This barn was built in 1898 by J.T. Wells and Sons for the Rafferty family. The property has had many owners through the years. The exterior of the barn is very weathered. Its present owner is unknown.

4**840 Scottsville-Chili Road →***(1 mile, right side, back of lot, north barn)*

This barn was built in 1914 by J. T. Wells and Sons for the McDonald family. It is one of the smallest Wells barns still standing (30' x 40' in size). It was clad in metal by its present owner Dan Farley. It is used for his construction business.

At this point in the driving tour, turn left (west) on Morgan Road just past the Farley barn.

After less than a mile, turn left again (south) on Union Street.

In about a mile, turn right (west) on Wickens Road.

5**125 Wickens Road →***(left side)*

This barn was built in 1915 by the Wells sons for George Wickens. (40' x 90' in size) This farm and the golf course property next to it were part of the original Benjamin Fellows farm. Ownership eventually passed to the Wickens family. It was purchased from Walter Wickens by Frank Kissel in 1945. Its present owner is Erin (Kissel) Bardwell.

At this point in the driving tour, turn around and go back to Union Street.

The best view of the Cragie Brae Wells Barn is the west end from Wickens Road.

Turn right (south) on Union.



4391 Union Street



(right side)



Situated on the grounds of the Cragie Brae Golf Club, the barn on this property was built in 1915 by J.T. Wells' sons for the Wickens family.

(The east "Lazy W" is behind the silo.) Its present-day owners are Craig and Scott Alexander.

Continue south on Union to North Road.

Turn right (west) on North Road.



2416 North Road



(right side, across from Gravel Ponds, double barn)



These barns were built in 1916 by the sons of J. T. Wells for Warren Pease, a Caledonia produce dealer. It was the site of the original Deacon Rawson Harmon farm.

(30' x 62' and 30' x 90' in size)

Previous owners Jim and Liz Webb sold the barns to Dimitri Nicitine in Spring, 2022. The barns are presently being used for storage.

Turn right (north) on Belcoda Road.

At the cemetery, turn left (west) on Harmon Road.



260 Harmon Road



(near the end of the road)



The heart of “Okalee Farm,” this barn was built in 1892 by John Talcott Wells Sr. for Eugene Harmon. (35' x 125' in size) Its present owners are Hannah and Nathan Ruekberg (great-grandson of Eugene Harmon). It is still a working farm.

Continue west on Harmon to the corner.

Turn right (north) on Mumford Road, which will become Palmer Road.

Go 2 miles.

You will pass Jenkins Road.



1107 Palmer Road



(left side, double barn formerly painted blue but recently painted white with black trim)



This double barn was built in 1925 by John Talcott Wells Jr. for Alan A. Smith. The horse barn is 20' x 30' and the grain barn is 40' x 96'. Previously known as the Neal farm, it was purchased recently by Thad and Esther Anderson.

Continue north on Palmer Road to Rt. 33A Chili-Riga Road.

You will pass Griffin Road.

Turn left (west) on Rt. 33A.

Go about 2½ miles



7519 Chili-Riga Road

(left side, painted red and white)



This barn was built in 1915 by the Wells brothers for the Wessendorf family. (35' x 65' in size) It is presently owned by the Filowick family.

 **END TOUR**

****Bonus Barns****

Here are several other Wells barns within driving distance that you might like to see:



2573 Scottsville Road



Built in 1914 by J.T. Wells and Sons for John McFadden, this barn has been in the Hauslauer family since 1924. (36' x 70' in size). It is still a working farm.



Andrews Memorial Drive R.I.T. Campus



Built in 1914 by John Wells Jr. for Fred Krenzer (40' x 94' in size), this barn was sold by the Krenzer family to R.I. T. in the early 1960s. It is now used as an indoor climbing facility and is known as the Red Barn Climbing Gym.



500 Farrell Road Extension



This barn was built in 1920 by John Wells Jr. for the Farrell family. (36' x 96' in size) Its present owners are Rusty and Sarah Stevens.