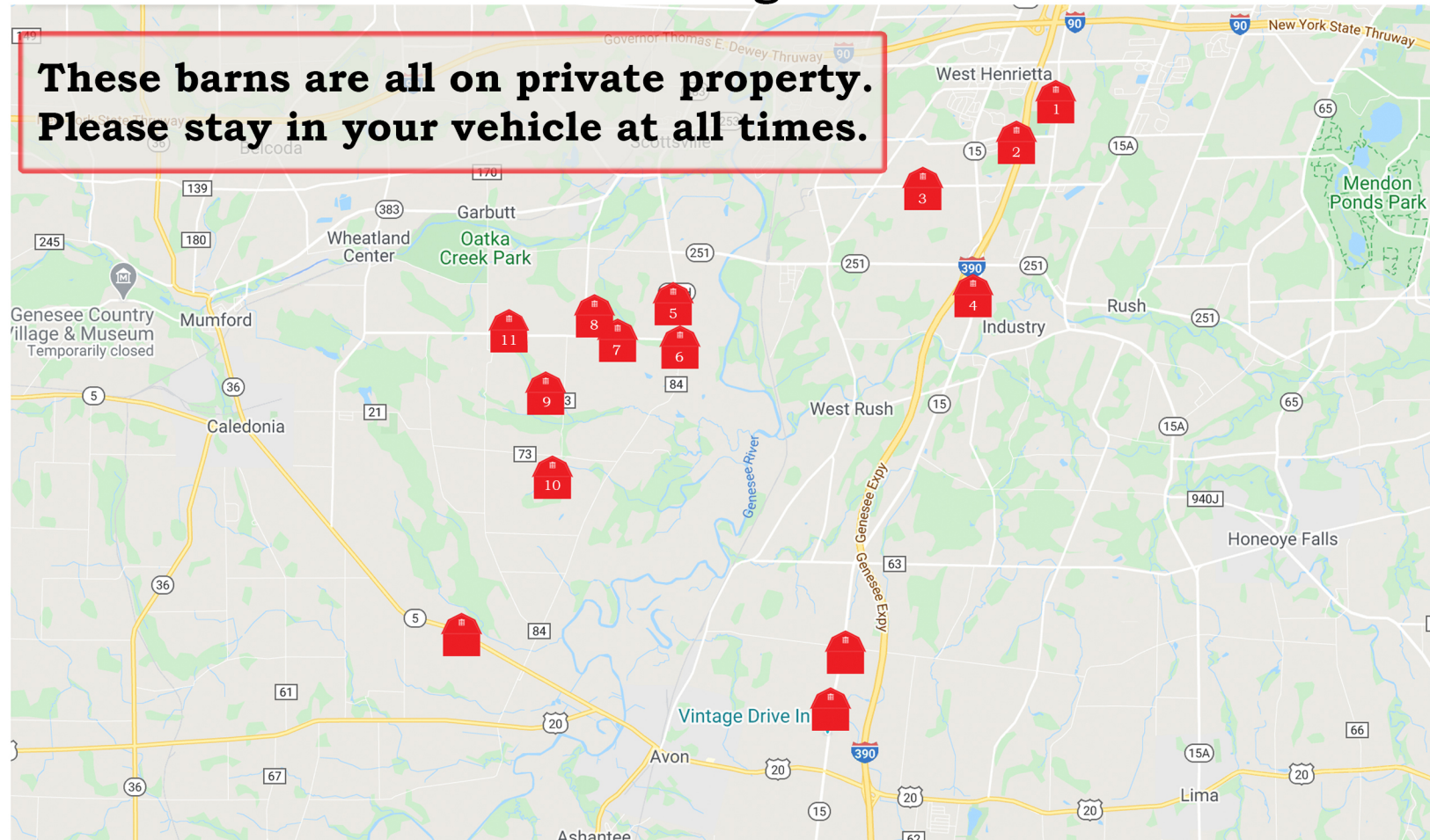


WELLS HISTORY

Wells Barn Driving Tour: Part 2



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 2) begins at the intersection of Erie Station Road and Middle Road (Henrietta, NY)

Head south on Middle Road.



1085 Middle Road



(Painted white)



This barn was built 1913 by J.T. Wells and Sons for Willet Spence. (It is 40' x 80' in size.) For a number of years, it was owned by the Gannett Family. During the Gannett Family's ownership, it became an educational farm for demonstrating new practices in farming. It was sold to John Buck in 1959 and to the Bethel Christian Fellowship in 2003. It is currently used as a venue for church activities by the Henrietta Christian Fellowship.

Continue heading south on Middle Road. Turn right onto Martin Road.



1225 Martin Road



(Behind yellow house)



This barn was built 1913 by J.T. Wells and Sons. (It is 40' x 83' in size). Some of its owners have included the Zornow Family, the D'Ambra Family, and the Lodiges Family.

Continue west on Martin Road. Turn left onto NY-15 S. Turn right at the first cross-street onto Rush Henrietta Townline Road.



851 Rush-Henrietta Town Line Road →

(Painted white)



This barn was built in 1914 by Robert Wells, son of J. T. Wells, for George and Fredrika Schultz. (It is 40' x 80' in size.) Alex and Tayler Kreutter sold the barn to Mike and Ashley Kiviat during the summer of 2022.

**Continue east on
Rush-Henrietta Town Line
Road.
Turn right (south) on Rt. 15.**



7445 Rt. 15 →

(Right side, red barn)



This barn was built in 1916 by the Wells brothers for Peter Stull. Richard Updaw purchased the property in 1978 and is still farming here today. In 2019, a conservation easement was granted to Genesee Land Trust through a donation by Dick

Updaw combined with funding from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

**Turn around when convenient
and go back to Rt. 251.
Turn left (west) on Rt. 251.
At (west) River Road (and
Quaker Road) turn left
(south.)**

**NOTE: The barn at Shelter Elms
Farm on the right does feature
typical Wells Lazy W windows. This
is not a truss barn, however. The
Wells family may have done some
remodeling here.**



5015 River Road



(right side)



This property features the historic Isaac Cox cobblestone house. It also features double Wells barns that were built in 1896 by John Talcott Wells Sr. for Thomas Brown and his wife Angeline Cox (granddaughter of Isaac.) The smaller horse barn is 30' x 64' in size, and the larger grain barn is 40' x 80' in size. Past owners include the Resch and Letson Families. This property has been transformed into a wedding venue named the Cobblestone Wedding Barn by its current owners Kane and Kristina Gascon.

Website: <https://www.cobblestoneweddingbarn.com/>



23 River Road



(Left side, just past South Road)



This double barn was built in 1905 for Oscar Giles. The smaller barn measures 36' x 44' in size and the larger barn measures 36' x 77' in size. The larger barn has

been remodeled into a beautiful home shared by Gillian Conde and Jean Dombrowski. The lower level of the smaller barn has been turned into a creative space, and plans are in place to renovate the upper level soon.

Turn around and go back a few feet to South Road.

Turn left (west) on South Road.



341 South Road →

(Behind house, painted red)



This barn was built in 1914 by J. T. Wells and Sons for Walter Cox (great-grandson of Isaac Cox). It is 32' x 92' in size. It has been owned by Eric Field since the death of his mother, Florence Field, a descendant of the Cox family.

**Near the top of the hill,
turn right (north) on
Bowerman Road.**



940 Bowerman Road →

(Right side, painted brown)



This barn, built in 1942 for Selden Stokoe, was the last Wells truss barn built by John Wells Jr. It measures 36' x 66' in size and includes only two end bents and two trusses. Its present owner is Dick Stokoe, a 5th generation farmer on this land.

**Turn around and go back to
South Road.**

**Turn right on South Road
and then quickly turn left
on Maxwell Station Road.**



200 Maxwell Station Road →

(Barn is back from road, behind the house)



This barn was built in 1919 by the Wells brothers for George Brown. It is 36' x 60' in size. This farm has been passed down through the Brown Family. Its proud current owner is Bernice Brown.

**Continue on Maxwell Station
Road to Cameron Road.**

Turn right.



4395 Cameron Road



(Barn just around corner, close to road)



An integral part of “Honey Locust Farm,” this barn was built in 1896 by John Talcott Wells Sr. for Abram G. Cameron. The farm was purchased by the Estes Family in 1951. Its present owner is Kenny Estes Jr. Note the newer metal roof.

**Turn around, Take
Maxwell Station back to
South Road.
Turn left (west) on South
Road.**



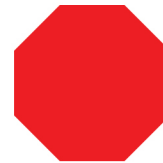
946 South Road

(Right side, bright red roof)



The centerpiece of a property known today as “Maple Knoll Farm,” this barn was built in 1897 by John Talcott Wells Sr. back when this farm was owned by J. P Coates.

This property was the original Estes homestead. Other owners have included the Wittman and Torpey Families. “Maple Knoll Farm” is presently owned by Steve Stein.



END TOUR

For several more Wells barns, continue on to Caledonia and take Route 5 toward Avon.

****Bonus Barns****

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



3956 Route 5



Known as “Oak Knolls Manor,” this property features a grand double barn that was built in 1911. Owners Julie and Dan Welch have transformed it into a wedding venue.

Website:
<https://www.oakknollsmanor.com/>



5691 North Avon Road



This barn was built in 1913. Previously owned by Sandi Irish, its ownership passed to her sons in 2018. Formerly operated as a Halloween attraction called the “Barn of Terror,” this barn has been decommissioned since Sandi’s passing.



**1177 W. Henrietta Road
(Rt. 15)**



Originally built in 1913, this property was purchased in 2010 by the Howlett Family. It was run as a wedding venue by Sandy Howlett and Melissa Stanton from 2013 – 2022. In July, 2022, the property was sold to members of the Mulligan Family who plan to continue running it as an event venue.