

The first "dominie" was Rev. S. Vennema. The charter members were the Tibbe families, the Talsma's, E. Vanderwall, the DeBree's and J. Jenema's. A missionary Sunday School also met in the log school. It was organized by the Modders' family and the Spitsbergen's with the help of a pioneer missionary to the Grand Traverse Region named Redpath.

Between 1893 and 1900 these families came and settled in Moddersville: Robert & Nellie (Durkee) Goodwin, Isaac & Ellen Youngs, Abraham & Lavinia Emery, James and Fannie (Satchel) Carlin, Evert & Gertie (DeBoer) Siderius, George & Bessie (Siderius) DeYoung, John & Mary Julian, George & Carrie (Emery) Lampman, Harry & Bessie Piper, May Mead and her son Ervin, Julia Crosby and her son Vern, Al. Ballard and a widower named Broughlin Goodsell. Some of these stayed, others moved on.

The first store was opened and run by Wynant Modders from his home. He had been a grocer in Grand Rapids before he came to Missaukee County.

The first marriage was that of Henry Spitsbergen to Margaret Modders in October of 1880. Their family of 15 were the first complete family that were born and raised in Moddersville, Dora being the first born-July 1881.

The first cemetery was laid out in 1887 to accomodate the neighborhood. Its first residents were Tibbes and Spitsbergens. The first death was that of Sadie Manike Modders in May of 1880. There was no cemetery then so her body was placed under an apple tree on the homestead. Her remains were removed and placed in the Hill Cemetery many years later. The Hill cemetery was laid out in 1907 and Wynand Modders, the pioneer, was the first one interred there, in Nov. 1907 after baby Susie Siderius in Sept. 1907.

The store, first operated by Gerrit Tibbe, then purchased by Billy Ferwerda in 1901 from Ralph Tibbe, was located where the Moddersville store now stands. In 1890 the post office was located in the Modders home and later in the store, when it was sold to John W. Modders who operated them both from 1902 until about 1916 when the store was sold to Chris Ebels.

The second school was built in 1897 next to the store. It was made of sawn lumber and still serves the people of the community as the Holland Township Hall. It has been renovated inside and has modern fixtures.

In 1907 there were 68 pupils in the Moddersville school and it had two teachers and had been enlarged to accomodate the growing community.

In 1914, when the township was organized as Holland the first supervisor was James E. White of Dolph; clerk-Ivan Warren (M), Treas.-Geo. Wyma, Justice of the Peace-G. White (D.) & J. Spitsbergen (M), Constables: Lewis Labadie, Frank Emery, Highway Comm.-Nathan Emery, Harley Apps, Henry Wyma, J.A. Simons and Joel Graves.

In 1915 Moddersville's Dutch Reformed congregation built a church. The carpenters were Tom Lutke, and C. Beagle. The interior finish work was done by Jacob Tibbe, who later poured the cement walk and in 1923 painted ^{the church} it without charge. The church has been enlarged and modernized recently.

The first funeral in the new church was that of Jennie (Spitsbergen) Johnson and her infant son Charles in April of 1920. They died of influenza in February and were held in Cadillac until the ground thawed and graves could be made.

In 1917 this community had a blacksmith shop, a feed mill and two saw-mills, a general store, Chris Ebels proprietor, and daily mail, John W. Modders postmaster, and a population of 250.

The 1920 census indicates that there were 328 people in Holland Township and 882 in Clam Union. The double township in 1910 had 1,381.

When John W. Modders sold the store he built himself a large home for his family across the road from the school and moved the post office to his home where it remained until it closed. John then busied himself with organizing a farmers telephone co. and installing lines in Moddersville and bordering neighborhoods.

Electricity came to Moddersville about 1939 through the REA.

The post office closed in 1934, the school consolidated in 1936, the store, owned by Maurice Reames (1920-40), Francis Glass (1950's) Lial & Fern Pearson (1960's), Basil Tracy (1970's) burned and was rebuilt by Andy Wilson.