

It burned again and is currently a much smaller structure, still in operation. Moddersville is now a pleasant rural community with many new residents and a few descendants of its early pioneers.

Some Descendants of the first settlers in Moddersville as of 1987

Living in Moddersville now are two families of Gruenbergs, ^{George and Marvin} whose mother was a daughter of Evert Vanderwal and Carrie Leutzinger. The Leutzinger's were pioneers of Butterfield. The Gruenbergs came to Moddersville after 1910. There were four brothers - Max, William, Paul & Charles and their mother, Minnie. Max married Dora Vanderwal. They had six sons.

Another Leutzinger, Henry married Agnes Carpenter of Butterfield and lived in Moddersville. This family boarded the teachers most of the years that they lived there. They raised nine children in Moddersville, five girls and four boys. They married in 1908. One remains in Missaukee Co. The others have moved on. ^{and daughter}

Medendorps had four sons that were raised in Moddersville. ^{son} Allen married Flossie Dingwell and had several children. In the 1930's and 40's they held their family reunions on the homestead. ^{and} Cornelius wrote the first history of Moddersville - "Yesterday's of Moddersville" and had it published in the Missaukee paper. Some Medendorps are still in the county.

Descendants of the Durkees who came in 1882 live in Grand Rapids. Wm Durkee married Rebecca Gray. She was a teacher in Moddersville. They raised their family in McBain. Their son Robert lives in Grand Rapids.

Descendants of the Vanderwalls live near Merritt and one in Moddersville. Rudolph, one of the sons of Evert and Carrie now has a farm near Merritt. Some of his children live in the area. A daughter lives in Moddersville and one near Lake City. Other Vanderwall's live near Grand Rapids.

When the Wyma's came to Moddersville they were nearly grown (1886). Henry married Anna Modders. They raised a large family. A Wyma descendant, Dorothy Everett, lives near Lake City. George Wyma married Mary Tibbe. They raised a large family in Moddersville. Most of this family moved to the western part of the state.

Modders descendants still live in Lake City and Vogel Center-McBain area. John W. Modders married Alice Wyma. They raised a large family. John's son, Ben and his wife Bess (Jenema) live in Lake City. Bill and his family live in Grand Rapids. Dick Modders married Jane Ferwerda. They raised a large family. Their daughter Dora married Jacob Herweyer, son of one of the pioneers of Vogel Center, Gerret. Their descendants still live in Vogel Center. Sadie Hoelkeboer and her sister, Johanna Rosie, descendants of Dick Modders are also in the county.

While the Ferwerda families, the Siderius', the DeBoer's and the DeYoung families all moved to Montana before 1907/8, the Jenema's that were related stayed and have many descendants in Missaukee Co.

Also in the Moddersville area are some Emery's, descendants of the family of Abraham and Lavinia, Erroll and his wife Kay (Koster) Emery. Some of their children have businesses in Merritt area. Some of the Youngs family are in southern Michigan and frequent visitors in the county.

Francis Carlin and his wife Georgia Carpenter contributed an article to the Missaukee Co. Family History for the Satchel family who were early Moddersville pioneers. They live in the county.

The Tibbe families all moved back to the western part of the state-Holland area-between the 1890's and 1915 except for Jacob and his wife Katherine Westveer, who stayed and raised three sons in Moddersville. Katie died in 1924 and Jacob and his family moved back to Holland a few years later. According to his son, Wm. the Tibbe home in Falmouth is still in the family, for Jacob returned and lived there in the 1950's. It is owned by his youngest son, James, who lives in Grand Rapids.