

Another family that contributed to the development of Moddersville but arrived after 1910 were the Henry Norman family. They dug the water wells. Descendants of this family who came in 1913 are still in Moddersville and Merritt. The Normans came from Clare County.

No Spitsbergen's have lived in Moddersville since the early 1970's, however, there are descendants of Dora Spitsbergen and Ren DeRuiter in the Falmouth area. Mrs. J. Morris (Hattie Spitsbergen) has a summer home in Lake City and members of the family are frequent county visitors.

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Note: Any errors in this article are unintentional. It is hoped that any readers who have more accurate information would notify this writer so that corrections could be made.

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