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mostly in home but I'm outdoors
a lot of the time.

Dear Cindy,

I have your letter and the questions asked of me, my son - who left your letter to him with me. So I'll start with your letter to me.

In regard to the new Meddersville cemetery. I was there and listed all the tombstones. I found 15 families who had put tombstones there. This was in 1985. I know of one family whose stones were moved to the upper "east" cemetery.

As to the rest of them - maybe I'll inquire around. I'm sending you a copy of the stones I found, a list of deaths between 1917 and 1938 and a comprehensive list that I copied from a book. You'll find Tibbes in all ~~these~~ places. One important thing to remember - M'ville was a pioneer settlement and one people (believe) and others did not receive a stone. You'll see by the list in the Record "that a lot of people are buried there. You'll find the Tibbes in the Record list."

I'm also enclosing a page I have of Medders memorabilia with obituaries to Mary Lebbe Hygra - d. 1951 and Mrs. Albert R. Lebbe - Anna Medders d. 1950. You'll find them in Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, most likely.

Speaking of obituaries. I know a lady here in Zeeland who was acquainted with John Tibbe. He's gone now, a couple of years. But he has saved a number of funeral papers of Tibbe relatives. She has them. She'll probably be glad to show them to you. We'll make arrangements for you and her to meet - okay? I don't believe Anna Medders is buried in Meddersville.

As to the reason the Tibbes left Gaspesie (Michigan) and came to Meddersville, one can conjecture. Their papers indicate they left about the time the Reformed church changed to a Christian Reformed Church. Although they changed with them, but when they got to Meddersville they "agitated the community" for a church and in the 1890s a Reformed Church was recognized by the church concistory. It was built in 1915. But they attended Church^{one} in the school house - which they also agitated for and was built in 1887-88 shortly after the Tibbes arrived. Jacob had the land given it to the church, he wanted the church. Probably if you write to the Muskegon Co. Office of Lands you could get

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