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John Thomas Morris was born in Westport, Ireland on August 20, 1822 and at the age of twenty-one years he came to America settling in New York state, where he remained three years, when he removed to Canada and secured a tract of land on the Gatineau River at Morris Rapids. He sent to Ireland for his younger brothers and sisters, and engaged extensively in lumbering in connection with his two brothers.

Agness Ann McLean was born at Castlebar, Ireland and came to Canada with her parents when twelve years old, the family settling near Ottawa.

In 1857 she was married to John Thomas Morris. The couple moved to Sauk Centre in 1875 and settled in the township of Raymond. To this union were born six children who are Mrs. H. E. Russell; Mrs. E. G. Bond; Alice; Annabelle; Michael; and John.

The children were all born in Canada, but realizing there were no educational facilities for them John Thomas Morris came to the United States and secured a homestead, which he occupied until his death November 10, 1902 of heart failure.

John T. Morris was the type of man which enriches any community with which he is identified. A plain unassuming citizen warm hearted and kindly in disposition. He was a devoted christian who lived his profession. He was a life-long member of the catholic church.

Interviewed: Alice Morris
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