

## History Lesson:

### The Morrin Brothers and their link to Morrinsville.

Supplied by the Morrinsville Museum

It is a common mistake to believe that Thomas and Samuel Morrin were born in Scotland or that both

brothers ran the Lockerbie Estate. Both brothers were born in Quebec, Canada.

It was Thomas who owned the Lockerbie Estate and managed it by himself until he sold half of his shares to John Studholme.

From then, both men did the inspection tours and made joint business decisions.

Samuel may have had a small financial interest in the estate but was precluded from making business decisions, even in joint project with Thomas, namely T&S Morrin & Co, after 1884 as he was ill from ocomotor ataxis.

Samuel died an early death in August 1886.

It is this business venture that

automatically seems to link all business to the "Morrin Brothers", rather than their individual and separate enterprises.

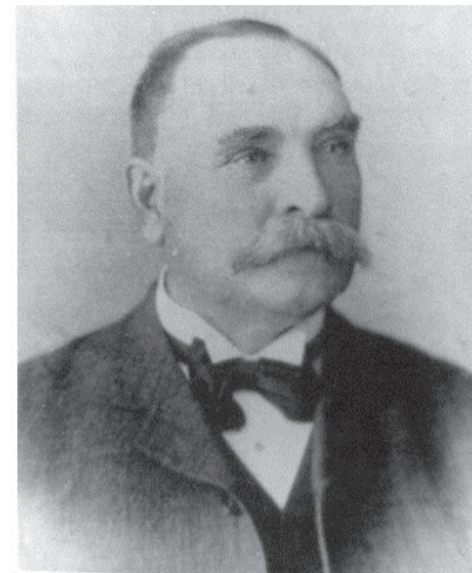
Thomas named the land he purchased around Morrinsville the 'Lockerbie Estate' after the town in Scotland that his forbears came from. Neither Thomas nor Samuel lived in Morrinsville.

A third brother William, who lived in Auckland, owned a Wholesale and Retail Grocery and Wine & Spirit Merchant in Queen Street with his cousin John C Morrin.

William named his land in the Auckland area, Meadowbank after his father's farm in Canada.

The name Lockerbie was perpetuated when the Morrinsville Coop Dairy

Company adopted the name as their trade mark for their dairy produce.



Thomas Morrin

## Consumer Tips

### Power Wasters.

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1. A faulty ajax valve: If you have hot water leaking onto your roof, chances are your ajax valve is faulty. You will

need a plumber to fix this.

2. Leaking hot water taps: This can be solved quickly by changing the washers in your taps.

3. Hot water too hot: Water that's over 55 degrees Celsius when it comes out of the tap is too hot and uses excess power. Call an electrician to adjust your thermostat.

4. Inefficient use of heaters: Use heaters with a thermostat or timers can be purchased separately for your heater to ensure you're not wasting energy on heating.

5. A lack of insulation: Good ceiling,

wall and floor insulation can help reduce heat loss by over 50%. A well-insulated home costs less to cool and heat.

6. Poorly ventilated laundry: If your laundry is not well ventilated your dryer is forced to use the damp air it has just expelled - drying then takes longer and increases your power bill.

7. Extra high shower pressure: Hold a 2L ice-cream container to your showerhead. If it fills in 15 seconds think about getting a low-flow shower head.

8. Faulty oven thermostats: Without

accurate temperature control your oven wastes power and will soon cost you more than having the thermostat replaced. Microwaves use a lot less power than your stove.

9. Inefficient use of hot water: Put the plug in the sink when rinsing items or use cold water. Pouring hot water down the drain is like pouring money down the drain.

10. Worn door seals: Fridges, freezers and ovens with worn door seals use a lot of power. Most appliance centres supply and fit replacement seals.

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