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These ten former Meath students were reunited with their private school teacher, Henry Friesen (middle front row), when he came to visit from Saskatchewan. Left to right, front row: Mary Enns (Mrs. David Wiebe) (deceased), Mary Enns (Mrs. C. U. Giesbrecht, Morden), teacher Henry Friesen (deceased), Lizzie Enns (Mrs. Joe Olfert, deceased), Tina Enns (Mrs. Abe Wiebe, Riding Mountain). Back row: Mary Enns (Mrs. A. J. Krahn, Winkler), J. J. Enns (Altona), Frank Enns (deceased), George Enns (deceased), Annie Enns (deceased).

Meath almost became a village

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Meath School District No. 1992 was established by Order-in-Council on Feb. 21, 1920. It is a small community located in the west-central part of the Municipality, extending partly into Stanley. It is an "L" shaped district squeezed in among Reinfeld, Friedensruh and Blumengard.

Meath, or better known to the

older folk as New Reinland, was not settled as an organized village. Rather, it was homesteaded by a Mr. Frank Enns. Later many descendants of this Mr. Enns stayed in the area, and it almost became a village.

The early education of the children was done in private homes until a private school was built around 1912-13. This school operated until the early 1920s when it was replaced by a

public school. This school was replaced around 1955 by a new one, which operated until 1969, when it became part of the Winkler S.D.

Family names in this district include Enns, Wiebe, Hildebrand, Krahn, Doell, Harms, Rempel, Dyck and Olfert.

The school closed because of a low pupil count and this district, like many others, is now only a memory.