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THE bearded gentleman with the hat chatting to the children in the road — now Church Street — is Stephanus Jacobus Meintjes, who lent his name to Meintjeskop where the Union Buildings stand today. On the right is the home Meintjes bought from Andries Francois du Toit, who also owned the farm Arcadia.

Part of a mill Stephanus Meintjes erected on the western banks of the Apies River — the area was then

known as Meintjes Drift — can be seen on the extreme right. This early picture was taken from where the Lion Bridge was built, looking towards today's Church Square. Over the years the dusty road of the Meintjes era has changed into a busy thoroughway with many shops and high-rise buildings.

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