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Arthur Ilstrup was born at Buffalo, Wright County, Minn. Jan. 14-1869 son of Abraham and Christina (Engelbretzen) Ilstrup.

Abraham Ilstrup was a native farmer of Drahmin, Norway and came to Minnesota in 1848. He was among the first settlers of Wright County and is duly recorded in the history of that county. A brother of Abraham, - Christian Ilstrup, was the first surveyor of Wright County.

Christina (Engelbretzen) Ilstrup was born in Sweden and came to Minnesota about 1864.

Arthur Ilstrup was a farm lad and knew the meaning of early and long hours and hard work. He attended a log school about a mile from his home and when the work was too much for his father he didn't go to school at all. The Ilstrup's prospered and had some of the first implements to ease the farmer's labor, including the McCormick Reaper.

In 1889 Arthur left home to see the world. He went to California and after a short stay there he journeyed on to Alaska. In Alaska there were many experiences that will be long remembered. The ship was icebound for two weeks. After they had successfully cleared the ice field they had to return and pick up a crew of shipwrecked men from the steamer, Ohio, which had foundered in the ice floes. From this ice field they proceeded to the coast of Siberia where they traded with the natives there.

Arthur returned to the United States the next year and came to St. Cloud Minn. He has resided here since that time and was employed thirty-six consecutive years at the State Teachers College. He has watched this institution grow to its present day size as a recognized college.

Arthur Ilstrup married Louise Berglund at Lake City, Minn July 6, 1893.

To Arthur and Louise (Berglund) Ilstrup was born one son - George C and he has one son Arthur.

Arthur Ilstrup is now retired but makes a daily visit to the college to be better informed concerning the source of his employment during his long resident in St. Cloud.

Interviewed: Arthur Ilstrup
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By: Dean Nelson

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FOR THE ARTHUR ILSTRUP BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Ilstrup Baby (Male)	Apr. 31, 1902	St. Cloud	Arthur Ilstrup	38

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Louise Ilstrup	38	1902-B12	19	8	