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# Examination Booklet

## Cooperstown High School

Cooperstown, N. D.

W. M. WELCH MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 1516 ORLEANS STREET, CHICAGO

John A Ahrens  
A Pioneer Life.

In the year of 1872  
a son was born to John  
A. Ahrens and Theresa Ahrens,  
and the son was named  
John A. Junior. John Jr. was  
born in Taylorwell county and  
Egypt township near Pekin,  
Illinois.

In 1876 they left this  
home and moved to Alta,  
Iowa. In 1895 John Jr. married  
Clara York in Alta, Iowa.

In 1896, a daughter was born  
who was named Grace Irene.

In 1898 they moved to  
Waterloo, Iowa and here  
another daughter was born  
Effie Viola.

In 1900 a son was born

whom they named Elmer Curtis.

From Waterloo they moved to Council Bluffs Iowa. In 1902 to Lakefield, Minnesota.

In 1903 they moved to the state of North Dakota and located on a homestead near Sawyer. They come to North Dakota with the idea of getting rich.

In 1908 another daughter was born, and this girl was named Gladys Marie.

When they took up the homestead at Sawyer, they built a little house of two rooms which was made of wood and sod. This homestead was eleven miles from town, and they made on the

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a week for provisions. The  
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were, John Calburin, Steve  
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They had three teams  
and all new machinery.  
They raised wheat, oats,  
flax and <sup>speltz</sup> speltz, but received  
very low prices for their grain.  
Wheat sold for 52¢ a bushel  
and flax for 90¢ a bushel.

They burned lignite coal  
for fuel, ~~which~~ for the lignite  
mine was just a mile from  
their homestead. The only  
hardship they had were  
losing cattle in blizzards.

In 1910 we moved to  
Rival North Dakota where  
John A. Jr. took a position  
in an elevator. In 1913  
we moved to Glenfield  
No. Dak where he continued  
his profession. In 1916  
Grace was married to Edward  
Henning and to them was  
born a baby girl. In  
1917 Grace and the baby  
died from the effect of flu  
caused by their home burning  
down. In 1918 Effie Ahrens  
married W. B. Lerner and  
a boy was born to them.  
In 1921, ~~she~~ <sup>he</sup> died in 1924  
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and in 1922 we moved  
to Spokane, Washington, we  
lived there for two years,  
and we then moved to Fargo  
and in 1925 we came  
to Coopers town where John  
was employed in the Great  
western elevator.