

MINNESOTA CITY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# MINNESOTA CITY DAY!

SATURDAY MAY 18, 2024



## ARCHIVE ONLINE

Welcome to Minnesota City Day where we celebrate the history of our city! The archive at the Historic First Baptist Church is still closed due to renovations but it's open in digital format here today on Facebook! Take a look!

Traditionally held on the third Thursday in May, Minnesota City Day celebrates the history of the city, its landmarks, and its citizens. Through the years the MCHA has held several events on this day including a cemetery walk, reenactments, speaker presentations and community events. The archive is opened for anyone to view the exhibits or do research.



MORE HISTORY IS AVAILABLE AT  
[MINNESOTACITY.ORG](http://MINNESOTACITY.ORG)

# Take a Tour

The digital archive is open!





These artifacts and more will be on display again when the church renovation is completed this summer.



Minnesota Citizens: Are these your relatives?

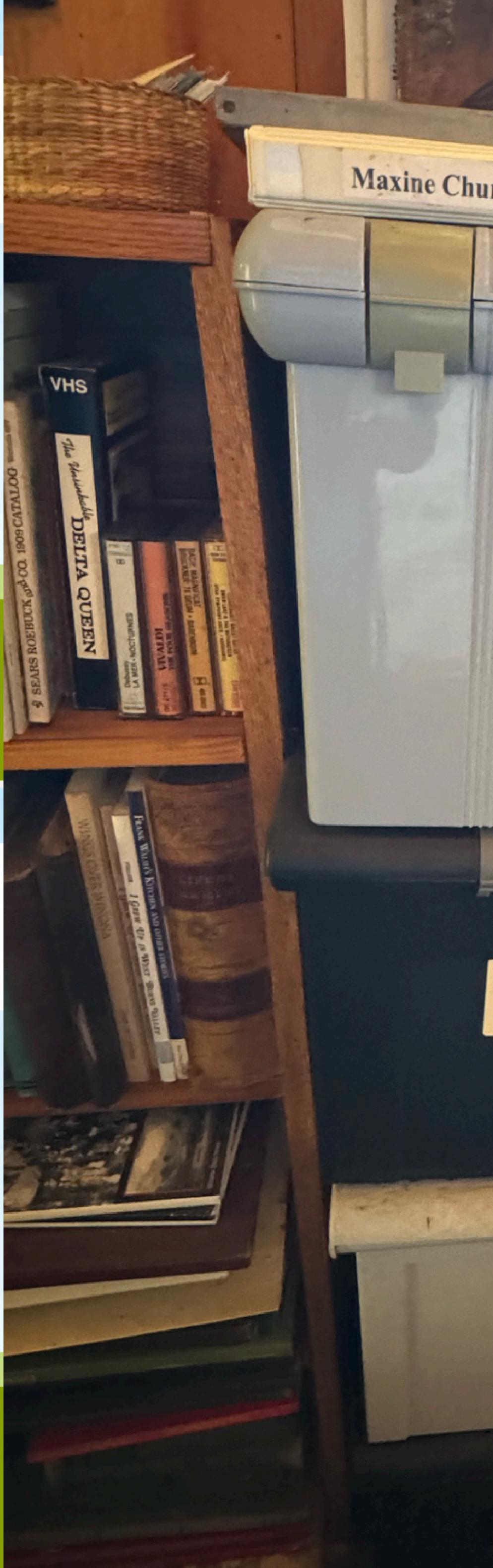


Please do not sell **your history** at rummage or tag sales. Bring items to MCHA Archives. We will save **your history** for you.

This painting of the J.Q. Burley Farm (later the John Denzer farm) in about 1930 was done by Neil Denzer, given to Linda and Robb Brzezinski, Denzer Road, who gave it to MCHA in Summer, 2017.







The MCHA archive is located in the historic First Baptist Church at 140 Mill Street in Minnesota City. There are many artifacts on display that date from various eras of the cities history including photos, documents, and personal items donated by residents. Research articles are available on the early settlers and city landmarks. There are also several families genealogies available for those doing genealogy research on their ancestors.



# **This is just a small list of what is available in the archive**

- \*Civil War documents of DQ Burley**
- \*Samuel and Sara Cotton family photo**
- \*Shoehorn labeled CC Smith Minnesota City**
- \*Textbook from the Maybury School**
- \*Bottle from Vill's Brewery**
- \*Land Deed for Troost Mill dated March 25, 1902**
- \*James Drew historical book on rope work**
- \*History of Winona County book-Vol 1 and 2**
- \*Flood DVD's "In a Flash" and "After the Dawn"**
- \*Photographs from Beverly Stewart Mastenbrook**
- \*Denzer family paintings and cookbook**
- \*Floods in Minnesota City 1873+**
- \*Materials from the Minnesota City Fire Extinguishers Auxillary group (1980's)**
- \*Oak Commemorative Platter**
- \*Church Brothers promotional matchbook holder**
- \*Poker chips from the Oaks fire**
- \*Oakland cemetery establishment documents, list of veterans and biographies of the interred**
- \*History of the City Nite Club presentation and History of the Oaks presentation**
- \*Biographies of the early settlers**
- \*Billy Club used by Robert Fleming at the City Nite club**
- \*Minnesota City Swinging Bridge information**
- \*Minnesota City Council Registry of births and deaths from 1808-1953**
- \*Family biographys: Denzer, Church, Hill, Fleming and others.**
- \*DVD's of presentations on different topics in Minnesota City history**

The schedule for accessing the archive will be posted as the Historic First Baptist Church restoration is completed. These will be posted on “Minnesota City History and Friends” and also at [minnesotacity.org](http://minnesotacity.org)

*Also check out the MCHA newsletters and the “Digital Collection” at [minnesotacity.org](http://minnesotacity.org) for more Minnesota City history.*

