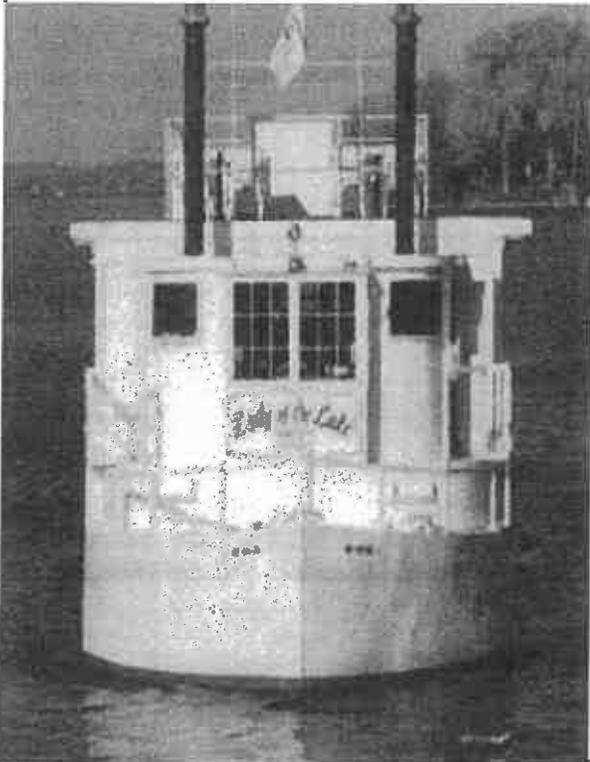




## *Deephaven Historical Society Newsletter FALL 2011*

### **PLEASE JOIN THE DHS FOR A FALL CRUISE**



Get ready for a Lake Minnetonka cruise with the Deephaven Historical Society to the Railroad Depot at Wayzata on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011. Board the Lady of the Lake in Excelsior at 1:30 p.m., leave at 2 p.m. for the Wayzata Railway Depot and enjoy a 30 minute presentation on railroad gardens by the Wayzata Historical Society. We'll return to Excelsior on the Lady of the Lake enjoying Lake Minnetonka's fall beauty. Complimentary soft drinks and a snack will be provided. \$15.00 per person. To reserve a seat, call Nan Nicolle at 952-473-3682. Leave your name, phone number, number of people in your party and a contact number. See you all there!

### **DEEPHAVEN IS 111 YEARS OLD !**

The village of Deephaven was organized in 1900 and held its first election on July 8th, 1900. The first elected officers were H. J. Burton, president, Lucian Swift, James Marshall and Harris W. Hill, trustees and A.A. Shuck, justice of the peace. At the time, Deephaven had a population of 231 and 31 people voted on that first election. Deephaven was a village with single lane gravel roads. In 1900, Deephaven had a real estate valuation of \$238,000. and personal property valuation totaled \$3540 with money and credits in the amount of \$3200. At that time Deephaven was holding their meetings at the Dyer Boat Works (Arthur Dyer was elected as recorder in 1901 and held the position until 1914) until fire destroyed the building in 1906 and Deephaven was left without a meeting place. Mr. Dyer came to the rescue by cleaning out his tool shed and council meetings were held there.

## My Search for Northome

Many thanks to those who attended the Deephaven Historical Society's last event at the city hall on May 21st on Charles Gibson, a gentleman who at one time owned most of the Deephaven Park area. I have now written two papers about Gibson in the last few years and the first one was because I had to find a local subject to finish a degree at the University of Minnesota. The most recent paper was started because I wanted to find just two things about Charles Gibson that I could not find the first time. I wanted to find his house and a picture of his wife and family. I was stumped as to where to go. I had searched all the usual places, Minnesota Historical Society and the Missouri Historical Society (Gibson was from St. Louis), local libraries, old newspapers, and historical websites with no luck. I felt I had reach a dead end. So I tried to think of non conventional sources and came up with one: Ancestry.com !

I found Charles Gibson had a lot of relatives! Remember, the guy had eight children! So, I contacted two gentlemen who were related to Gibson asking if they had any pictures on him and his immediate family. To show them I wasn't a stalker or crackpot I sent them my recent paper that was the basis of my speech on Gibson. Both were delighted to receive my history on him. After several e-mails with Gibson's ancestor from Newport Beach, CA, a very nice man named Bob Perry, he said he had at least 30 old family pictures. Bob's grandmother was Elizabeth Perry Gibson, Charles Gibson's youngest daughter. I had finally struck gold! Bob sent me what I had been looking for and received them only three weeks before I was scheduled to make my speech on May 21st. So that's my story and yes I got my picture of Northome (built in 1877), his wife Virginia and his children!  
Barbara Sykora





**The Gibson Children**

Victor, Louise, Archie Preston, Gerold, Elizabeth and Charles

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Cottagewood had its own water system? Ever notice the water tower off of Jefferson Street? The Water Works, which had served several homes in the Cottagewood area since 1901 and remained in operation for over forty years. Arthur Dyer owned and operated it as a private enterprise since 1909. As of September of 1941 the water system was serving 47 homes during the summer months. At that time, he let the city council know that he was going to junk the system if they would not buy it.

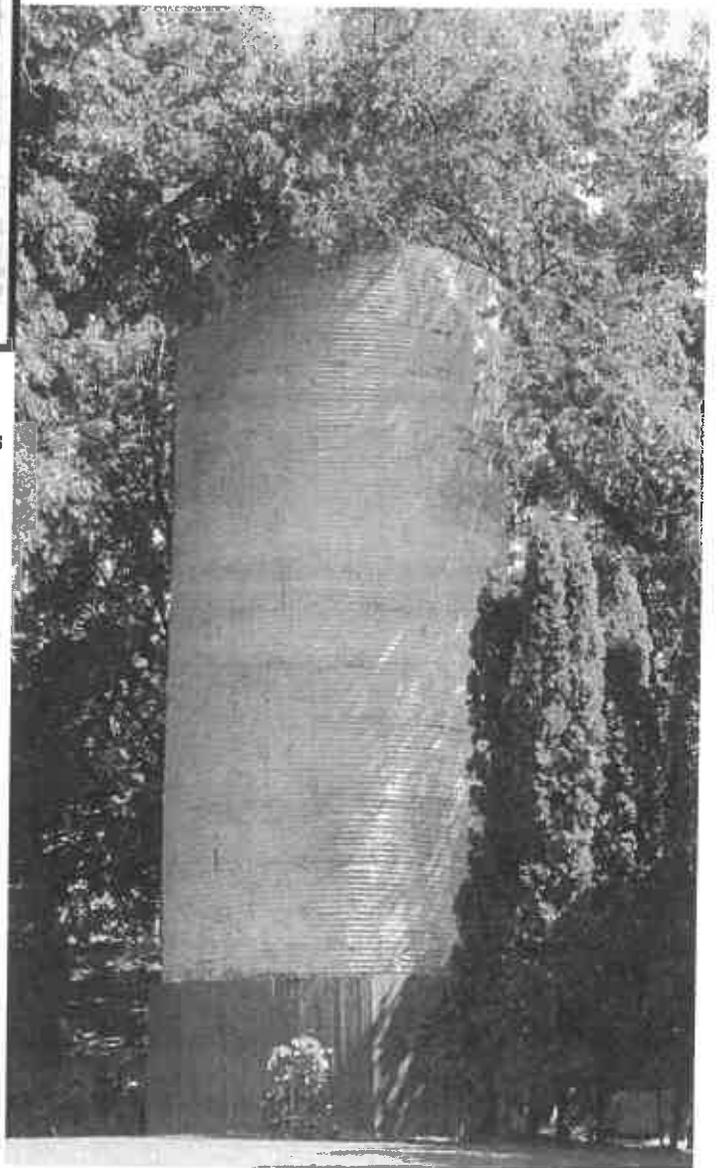
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