



In the XIX century our region became the main and the most notorious area for convict labour, mainly mining, and the Decembrists were exiled here.

Archangel Mikhail (Mikhailov -Arhkangelskaya) church is a reminder of the Decembrists who spent their exile in Chita. It is known in our city as the Decembrists Church. It was built in 1776. It was attended by the Decembrists. Polina Gueble and Ivan Annenkov got married in this church. The wedding was held in April 1828. On the 27th of August 1839 the Chita people saw the ceremony of Dmitri Zavalishin and Alexandra Smolyaninova wedding. Zavalishin's wife died in 1845 and was buried near the walls of the church. The visitors of the museum can see the grave of Sergei and Maria Volkonsky's daughter Sofia, who died in 1830 in infancy.

The Decembrists' Church welcomes visitors



It's opened from 10a.m
till 18p.m.

The museum contains collections
of objects which tell about the history
of our town.

They exhibit what Chita was like
more than 150 years ago.

It houses the displays of the Decembrists'
personal things , historical documents.

There are also old books, photos and
other objects which go back to the 19th
century.

The museum is a unique collection of
items

that are displayed in its halls and tell
about

the Decembrists' life and there activity in
Chita.