



OLD FOREST ROAD—Near Lynchburg.

Lynchburg

Charles Lynch was born in Ireland. In 1720, when about fifteen years of age, he became dissatisfied with his home and determined to emigrate. Meeting a sea captain who was on the eve of sailing for America, he told to him his story and at his earnest petition, the captain agreed to take him on board. When Charles Lynch reached Virginia, he was apprenticed to Christopher Clark, a Quaker, and a wealthy planter of tobacco who lived in what is now known

as Louisa county. After several years, Lynch married one of Clark's daughters, and after the marriage they moved to a farm called "Chestnut Hill," on James River, about one mile below the present site of Lynchburg, in Campbell county. Through grants from George II., Lynch for a few pounds sterling gained possession of thousands of acres of land. Charles Lynch had six children, Charles, Penelope, Sarah, John, Christopher, and Edward. The land in and about Lynchburg was inherited by the second son, John Lynch, who, in 1757, established a ferry across the James where the free bridge now stands. John Lynch built a dwelling on the spot where the Virginia and Tennessee depot stood, and moved there from his