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JOHN LYNCH (1740–1820) COLLECTION

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- 1-1** Land grant from John & Mary LYNCH, Achilles DOUGLAS & Ashby JOHNSON for the Friends' Meeting House (1791)
- 1-2** Petitions from Lynch to the Virginia General assembly seeking permission to establish the town of Lynchburg (1784 & 1786)
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John Lynch was born circa 1740, the son of Irish immigrant Charles Lynch and his wife, Sarah Clark. He was one of six children, including Colonel Charles Lynch and Sara Lynch (Terrell). John was described by a neighbor, Louisa Davis, as being very tall and erect in his adult years. She further notes that he was of fair complexion, clean shaven, and that his hair was gray.

John was the founder of the town of Lynchburg, which grew up along the James River at Lynch's Ferry.

Like his mother, John Lynch was an active member of the Society of Friends' South River Meeting. His marriage to Mary Bowles is recorded in their records, along with mention of his having served as both clerk and overseer of the meeting. He was the donor of the land for the meetinghouse and cemetery.

John Lynch died on 31 October 1820, and is buried in the cemetery beside the South River Meeting House.

SOURCE: Scruggs, Philip Lightfoot. *The History of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1748–1946* Lynchburg, VA: J.P. Bell Co., 1971; p. xv; Hinshaw, William W. *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, 1950