

I LOVE LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY BUT IT'S GREAT TO COME HOME TO LYNCHBURG!

WELL THERE'S PLENTY OF HISTORY IN LYNCHBURG AS WELL.

JAMES RIVER →
POINT OF HONOR ↑
MONUMENT TERRACE ←

HEY, I KNOW THIS STATE!

THIS MAP SHOWS US THE OUTLINE OF SHAPE OF VIRGINIA AS WELL AS THE LOCATION OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG.

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LYNCHBURG

○
RICHMOND

Virginia

THIS MAP ALSO SHOWS MAJOR CITIES, ROADS, AND RIVERS!

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LYNCHBURG

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RICHMOND

ROANOKE

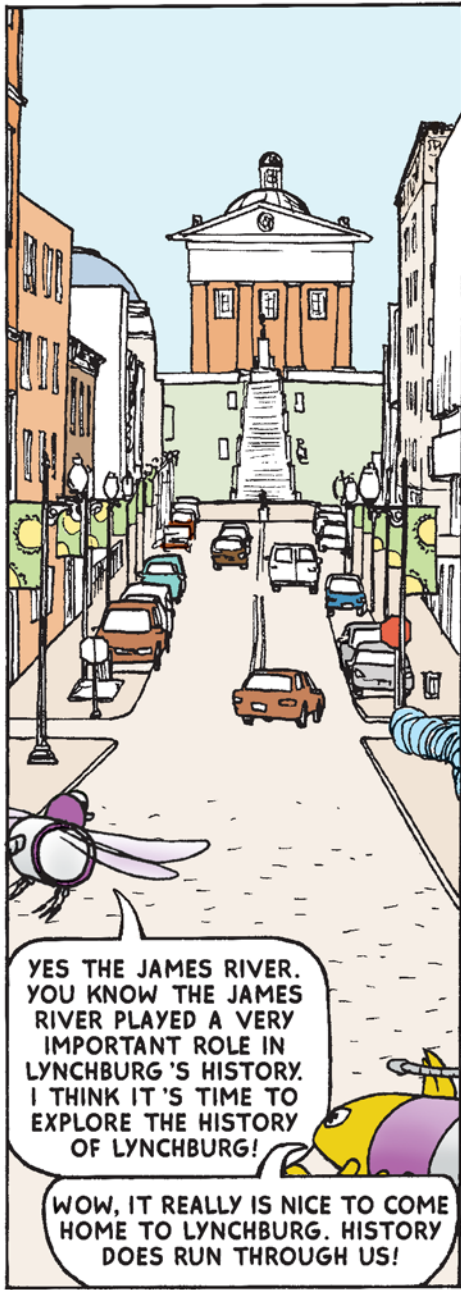
HAMPTON ROADS

— HIGHWAY
— RIVER

LIKE THE JAMES RIVER?!

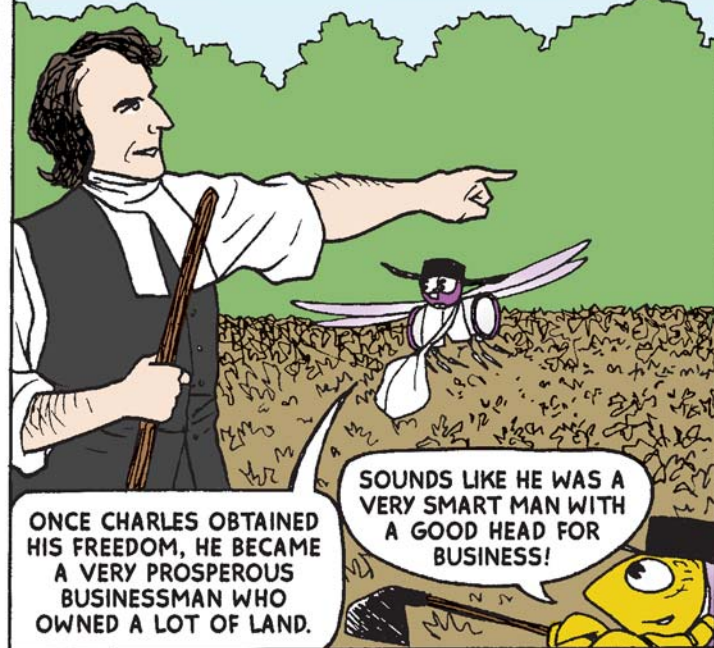
YES THE JAMES RIVER. YOU KNOW THE JAMES RIVER PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN LYNCHBURG'S HISTORY. I THINK IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF LYNCHBURG!

WOW, IT REALLY IS NICE TO COME HOME TO LYNCHBURG. HISTORY DOES RUN THROUGH US!



IN 1720 A MAN NAMED CHARLES LYNCH, AN IRISH IMMIGRANT, BECAME AN INDENTURED SERVANT TO MR. CHRISTOPHER CLARK OF LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

AN INDENTURED SERVANT WORKS A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THEN GETS HIS FREEDOM!

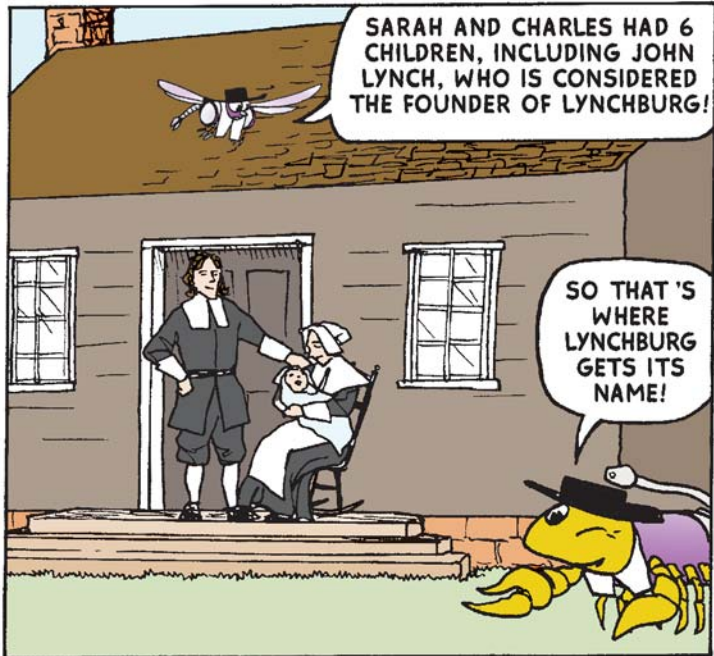


ONCE CHARLES OBTAINED HIS FREEDOM, HE BECAME A VERY PROSPEROUS BUSINESSMAN WHO OWNED A LOT OF LAND.

SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS A VERY SMART MAN WITH A GOOD HEAD FOR BUSINESS!

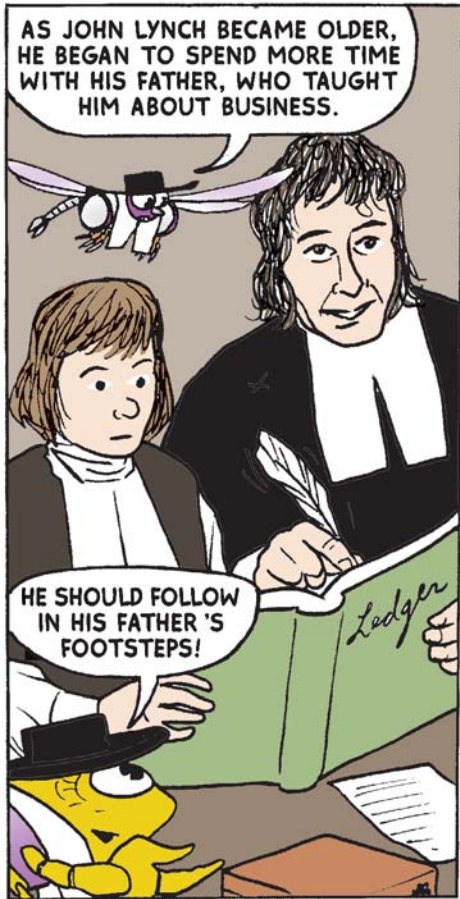
IN 1733, CHARLES MARRIED SARAH CLARK, THE DAUGHTER OF CHRISTOPHER CLARK, THE VERY SAME MAN HE ONCE WORKED FOR!

WOW!! FROM SERVANT TO SON-IN-LAW!



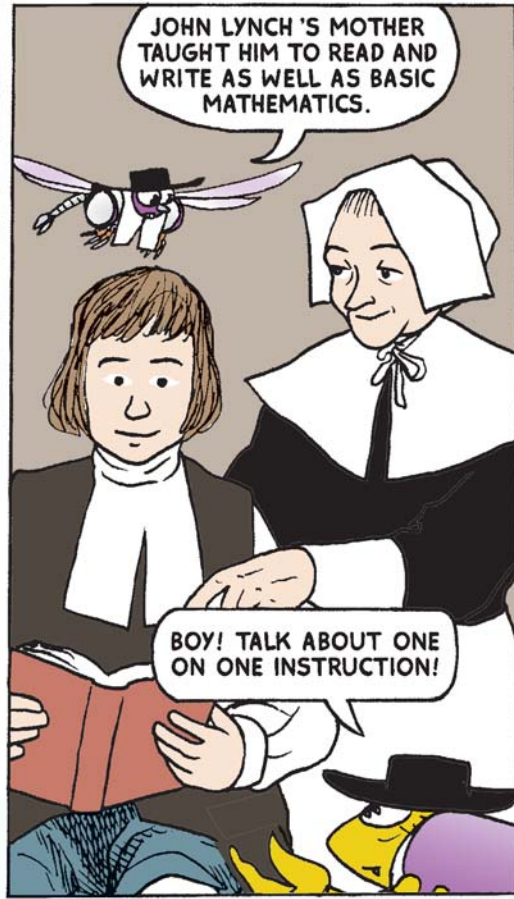
SARAH AND CHARLES HAD 6 CHILDREN, INCLUDING JOHN LYNCH, WHO IS CONSIDERED THE FOUNDER OF LYNCHBURG!

SO THAT'S WHERE LYNCHBURG GETS ITS NAME!



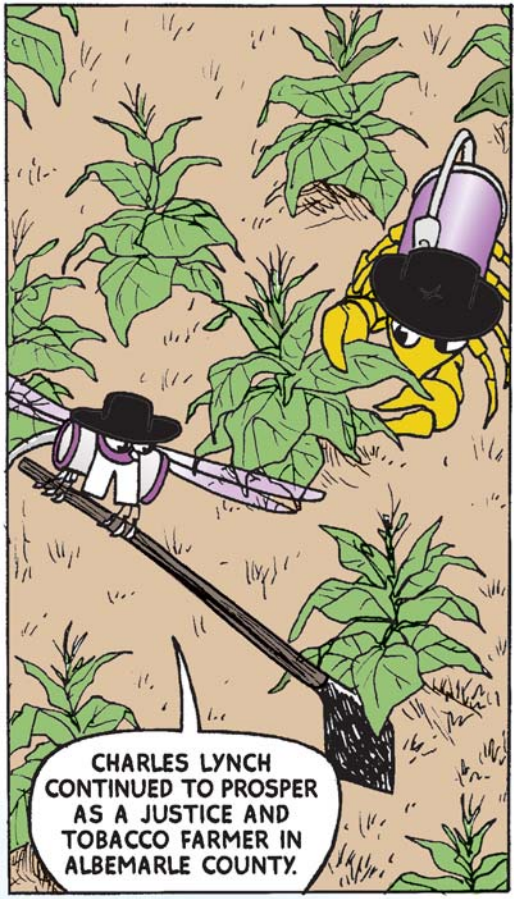
AS JOHN LYNCH BECAME OLDER, HE BEGAN TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FATHER, WHO TAUGHT HIM ABOUT BUSINESS.

HE SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS!

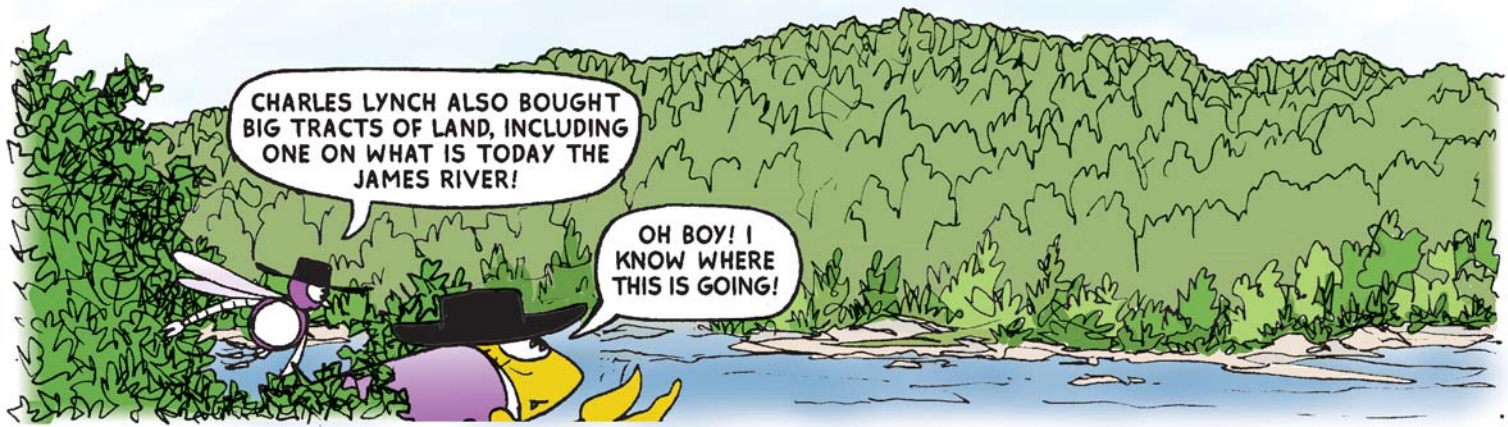


JOHN LYNCH'S MOTHER TAUGHT HIM TO READ AND WRITE AS WELL AS BASIC MATHEMATICS.

BOY! TALK ABOUT ONE ON ONE INSTRUCTION!

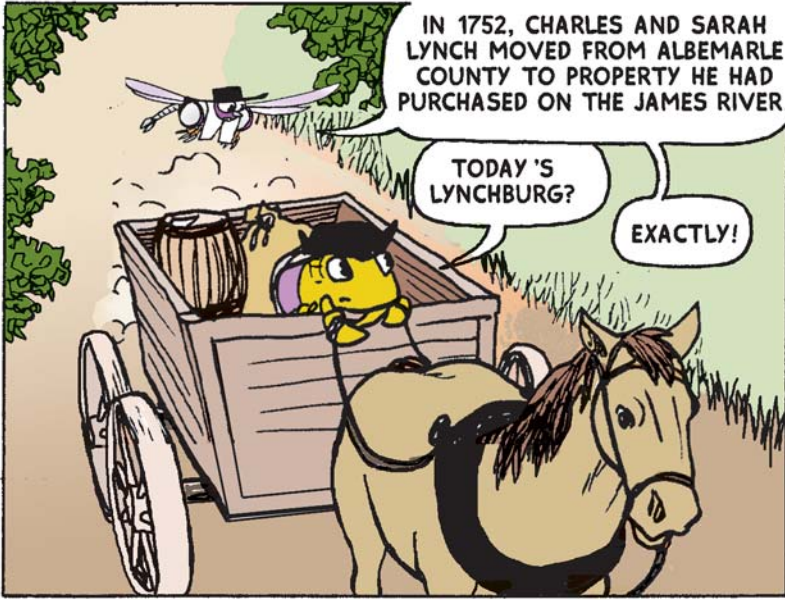


CHARLES LYNCH CONTINUED TO PROSPER AS A JUSTICE AND TOBACCO FARMER IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY.



CHARLES LYNCH ALSO BOUGHT BIG TRACTS OF LAND, INCLUDING ONE ON WHAT IS TODAY THE JAMES RIVER!

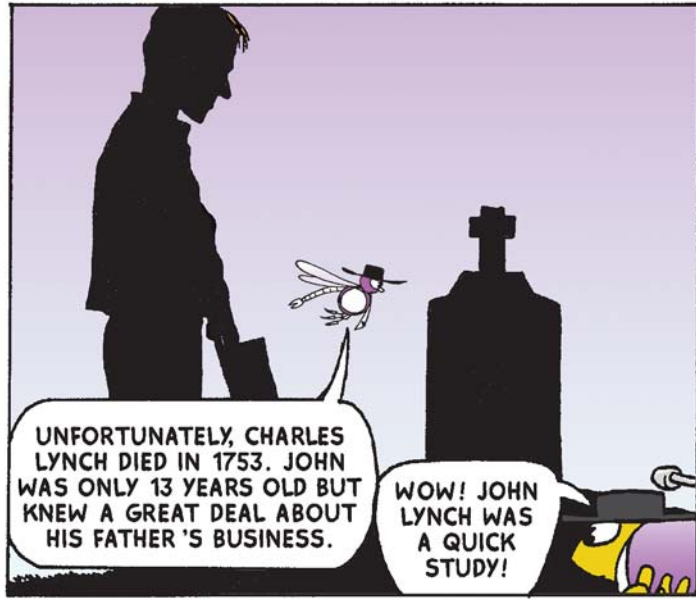
OH BOY! I KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOING!



IN 1752, CHARLES AND SARAH LYNCH MOVED FROM ALBEMARLE COUNTY TO PROPERTY HE HAD PURCHASED ON THE JAMES RIVER.


TODAY'S LYNCHBURG?

EXACTLY!

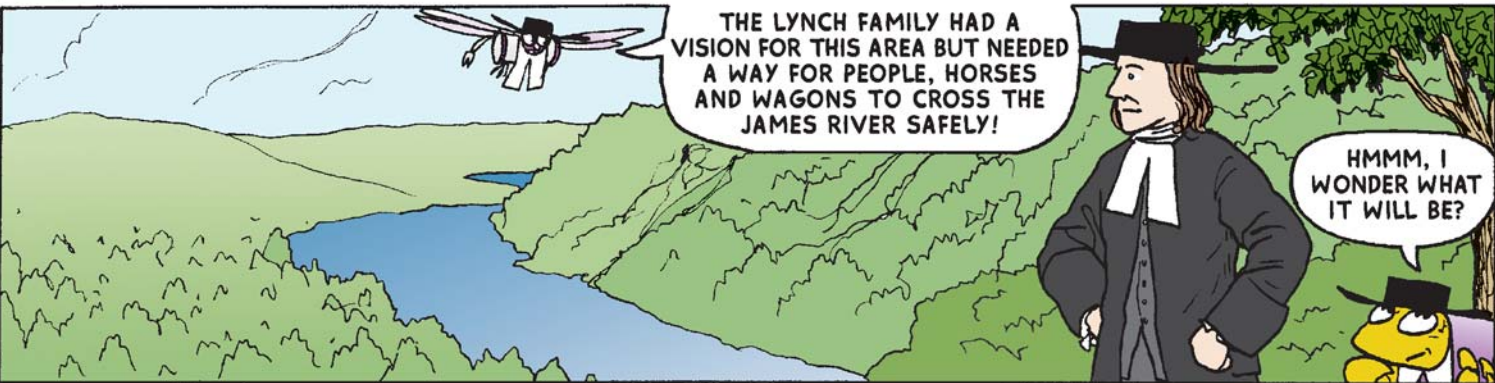


UNFORTUNATELY, CHARLES LYNCH DIED IN 1753. JOHN WAS ONLY 13 YEARS OLD BUT KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS.

WOW! JOHN LYNCH WAS A QUICK STUDY!



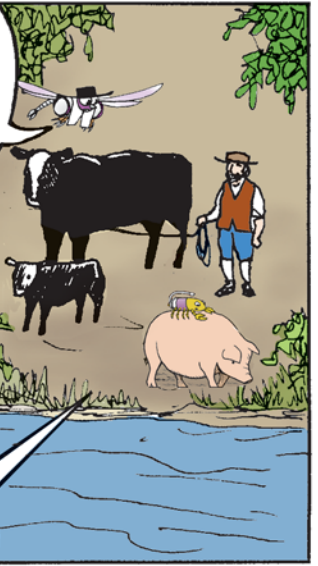
WHEN CHARLES LYNCH DIED, HE LEFT JOHN A GREAT DEAL OF LAND AND JOHN USING HIS BUSINESS SENSE WAS ABLE TO ADD ADDITIONAL LANDS TO WHAT HE ALREADY OWNED.



THE LYNCH FAMILY HAD A VISION FOR THIS AREA BUT NEEDED A WAY FOR PEOPLE, HORSES AND WAGONS TO CROSS THE JAMES RIVER SAFELY!

HMMM, I WONDER WHAT IT WILL BE?

THE JAMES RIVER IS TOO DEEP FOR PEOPLE TO DRIVE THEIR WAGONS AND LIVESTOCK ACROSS THE RIVER.

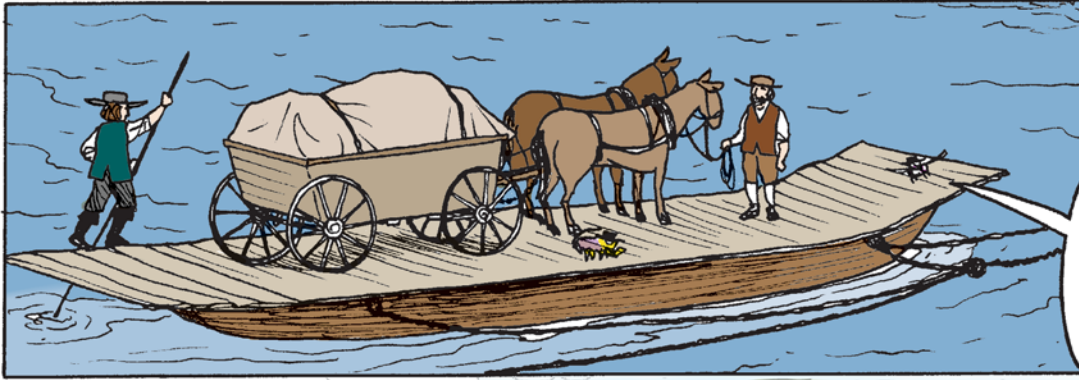
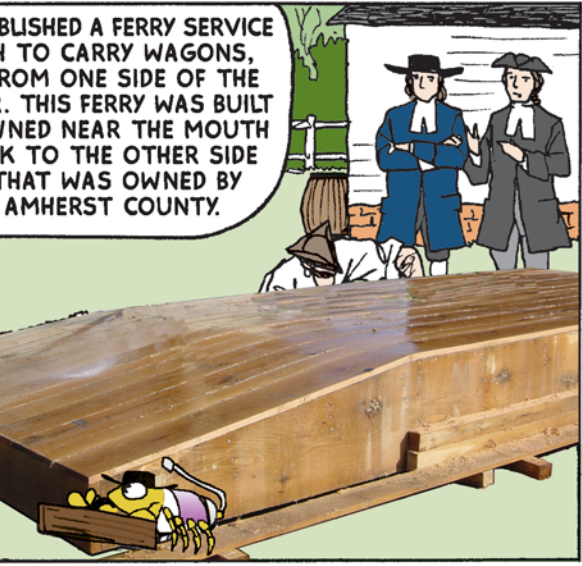


THE JAMES RIVER HAS ALWAYS HAD A MIND OF ITS OWN!

IN 1757, EDWARD LYNCH ESTABLISHED A FERRY SERVICE THAT WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO CARRY WAGONS, LIVESTOCK, AND PEOPLE FROM ONE SIDE OF THE JAMES RIVER TO THE OTHER. THIS FERRY WAS BUILT ON LAND THAT EDWARD OWNED NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE BLACKWATER CREEK TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER TO LAND THAT WAS OWNED BY MICAJAH MOORMAN IN AMHERST COUNTY.



WHAT ABOUT JOHN LYNCH? I KNOW HE MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS FERRY SOMEHOW!



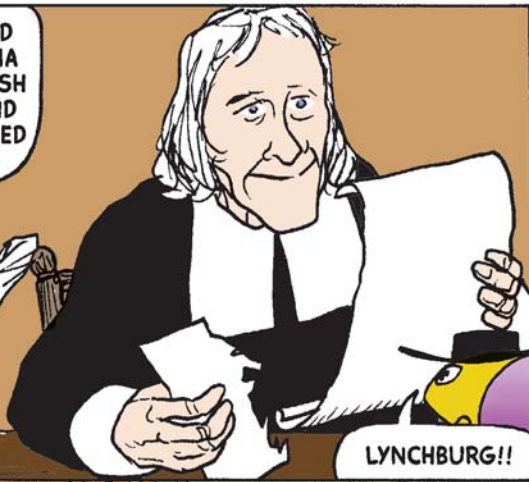
AT THE AGE OF 17, JOHN BECAME THE FERRY MAN THAT GUIDED THE FERRY ACROSS THE RIVER USING A LONG POLE. THE FERRY HAD ROPES THAT WERE ATTACHED TO THE BOAT ITSELF AND A LONG CABLE THAT SPANNED THE RIVER.



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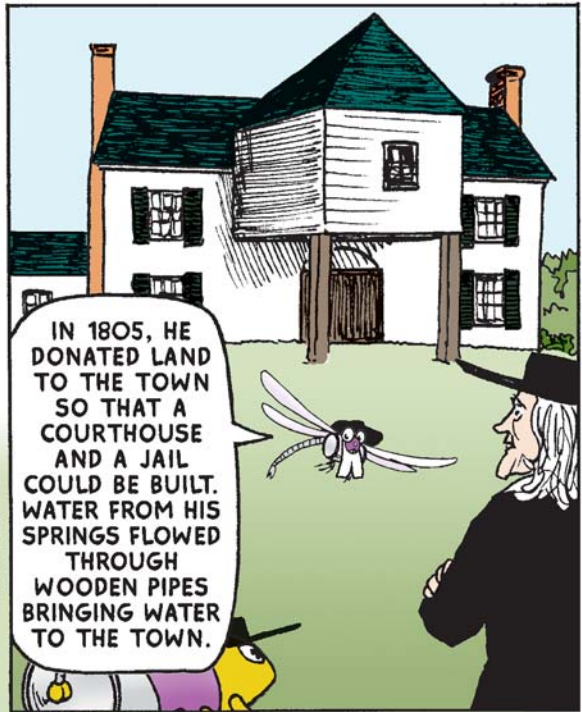
WOW, A COLONIAL TOLL!

IN 1786, JOHN LYNCH RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A TOWN ON 45 ACRES OF LAND THAT HE OWNED WHICH INCLUDED THE SITE OF THE FERRY.

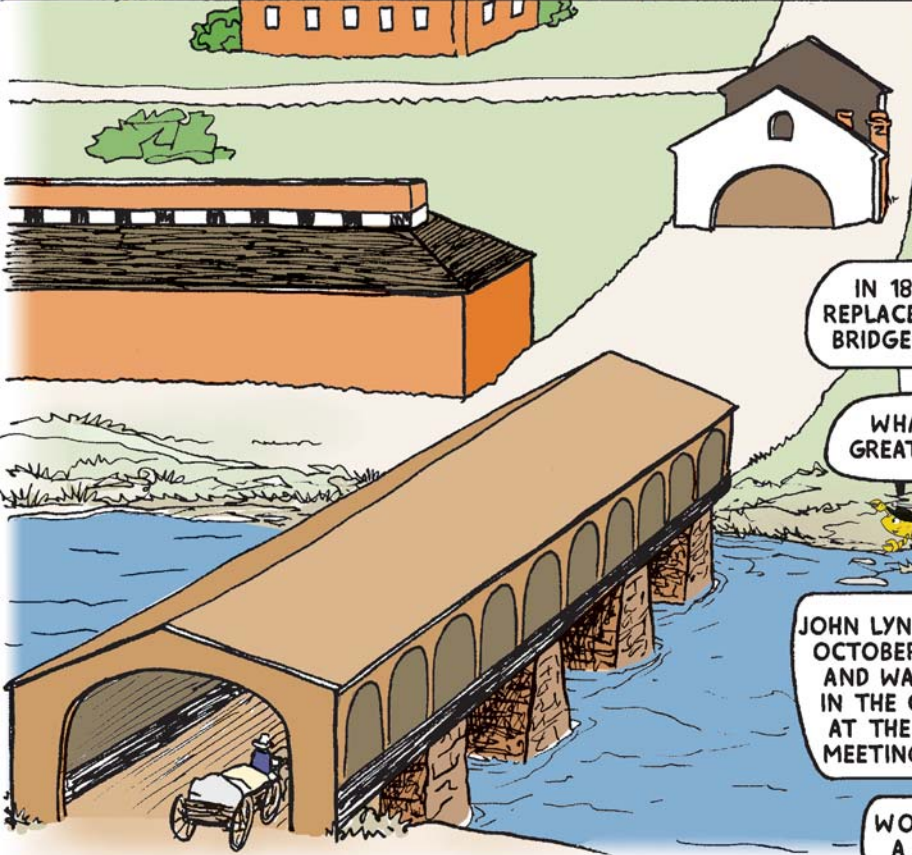


LYNCHBURG!!

IN 1805, HE DONATED LAND TO THE TOWN SO THAT A COURTHOUSE AND A JAIL COULD BE BUILT. WATER FROM HIS SPRINGS FLOWED THROUGH WOODEN PIPES BRINGING WATER TO THE TOWN.



IN 1812, LYNCH'S FERRY WAS REPLACED BY A WOODEN COVERED BRIDGE AT THE SAME LOCATION.



WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

JOHN LYNCH DIED ON OCTOBER 31, 1820 AND WAS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY AT THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE.

GRAVE OF JOHN LYNCH
FOUNDER OF LYNCHBURG
WHO WAS THE PROPRIETOR OF LANDS UPON WHICH THE CITY IS BUILT AND FOR WHOM THE CITY IS NAMED. A ZEALOUS QUAKER BENEVOLENT GENTLEMAN AND PROMOTER OF WHATEVER ADVANCED IN THE GENERAL GOOD OF HIS COMMUNITY
BORN 1740 DIED OCT. 31 1820

WOW! THANKS FOR GIVING US A GREAT CITY JOHN LYNCH!

ERECTED BY CITY COUNCIL 1935

Welcome to the
TOWN OF
LYNCHBURG

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LYNCHBURG A CITY?

IT TAKES
TIME FOR A
TOWN TO
GROW INTO
A CITY.

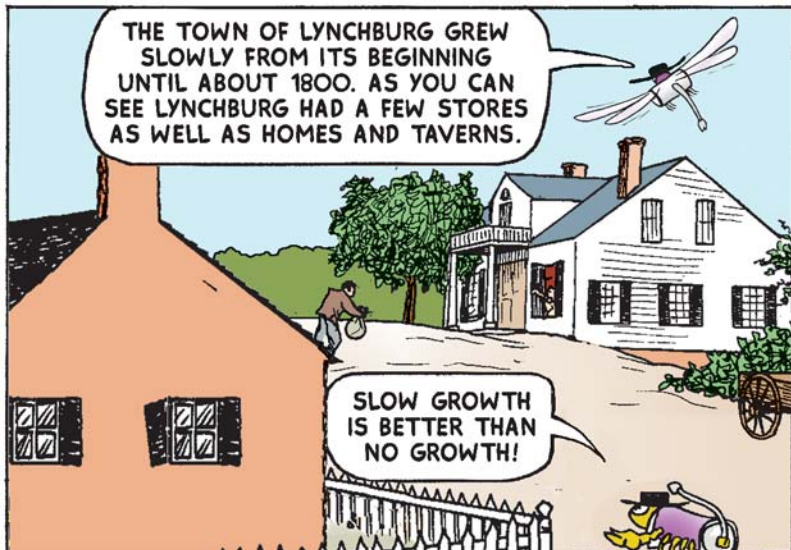
LYNCHBURG BECAME A GREAT PLACE
FOR FARMERS TO BRING THEIR TOBACCO!
THE TOBACCO WAS LOADED ONTO
BOATS KNOWN AS BATEAUS AND
TAKEN DOWN THE JAMES
RIVER TO RICHMOND MARKETS.

A WATER
HIGHWAY!

THIS TOBACCO
TRADE MADE
LYNCHBURG A
VERY WEALTHY
COMMUNITY!
EVENTUALLY A
CANAL WAS BUILT
BETWEEN
LYNCHBURG AND
RICHMOND WHICH
ALLOWED BIGGER
BOATS CALLED
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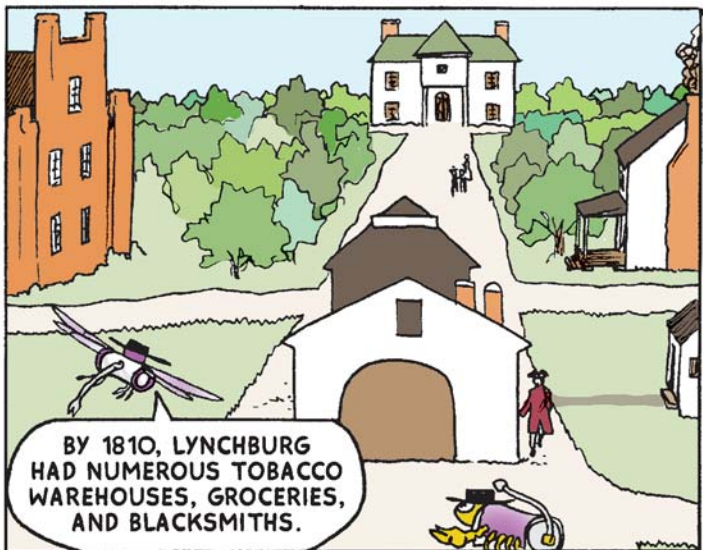
EVENTUALLY THE BOATS
WERE REPLACED BY TRAINS
THAT COULD TRANSPORT
EVEN GREATER QUANTITIES
OF GOODS AND PEOPLE.

ALL ABOARD FOR LYNCHBURG!



THE TOWN OF LYNCHBURG GREW SLOWLY FROM ITS BEGINNING UNTIL ABOUT 1800. AS YOU CAN SEE LYNCHBURG HAD A FEW STORES AS WELL AS HOMES AND TAVERNS.

SLOW GROWTH IS BETTER THAN NO GROWTH!

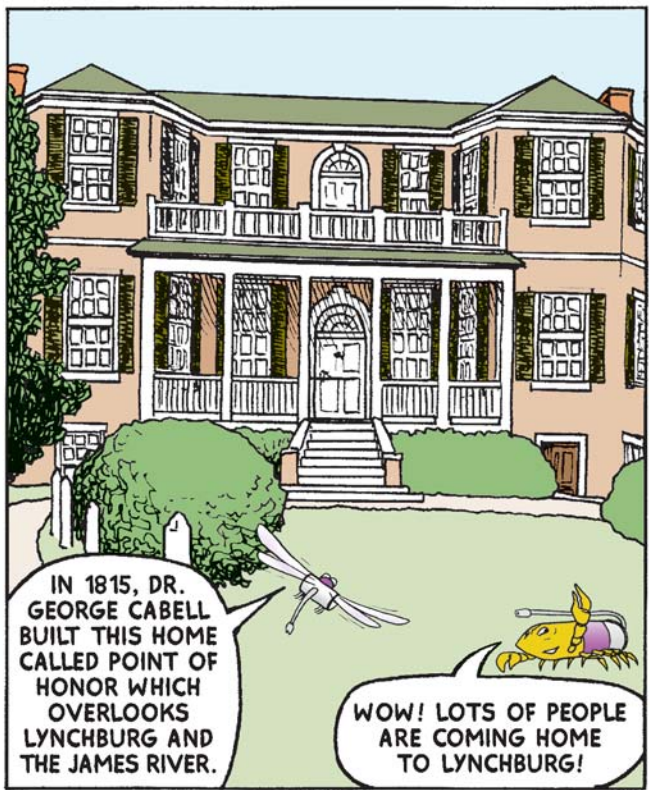


BY 1810, LYNCHBURG HAD NUMEROUS TOBACCO WAREHOUSES, GROCERIES, AND BLACKSMITHS.




IS THAT THOMAS JEFFERSON?

THAT IS THOMAS JEFFERSON, SCORPY! HE'S RESTING AT HIS RETREAT HOME, POPLAR FOREST, LOCATED A FEW MILES FROM LYNCHBURG AND WROTE ABOUT WHAT AN INTERESTING SPOT IT WAS.



IN 1815, DR. GEORGE CABELL BUILT THIS HOME CALLED POINT OF HONOR WHICH OVERLOOKS LYNCHBURG AND THE JAMES RIVER.

WOW! LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE COMING HOME TO LYNCHBURG!



AS MORE PEOPLE MOVED TO LYNCHBURG, PUBLIC SERVICES IMPROVED. BY THE 1850S, LYNCHBURG HAD TELEGRAPH SERVICE, GAS WORKS FOR LIGHTING, A SEWER SYSTEM, AND A BETTER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

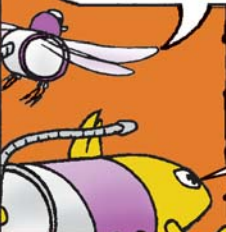
THANKS FOR THE WATER JAMES RIVER!

LYNCHBURG OFFICIALLY CHANGED FROM A TOWN TO A CITY ON AUGUST 27, 1852.

WOW! LYNCHBURG IS GROWING IN EVERY ASPECT FROM BUILDINGS TO PEOPLE!



WELCOME TO THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG



DURING THE CIVIL WAR, LYNCHBURG SERVED PRIMARILY AS A SUPPLY AND HOSPITAL CENTER. THE BUILDING THAT AMAZEMENT SQUARE IS IN TODAY WAS A SPILLOVER INFIRMARY DURING THE WAR.

I KNEW OUR BUILDING WAS SPECIAL!

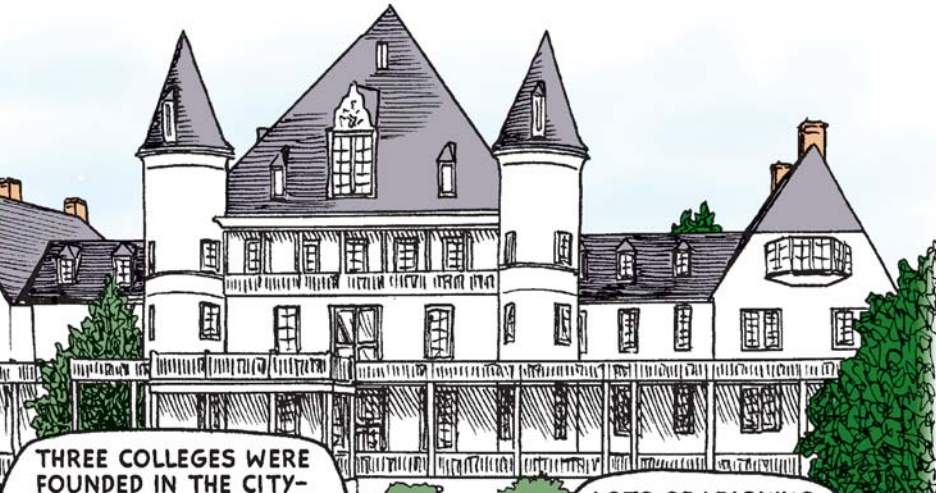
DURING THE 1870S LYNCHBURG EXPERIENCED HORRIBLE FLOODS THAT DESTROYED BRIDGES, RAILROAD PROPERTY AND THE CITY'S WATER WORKS SYSTEM!

BOY! I GUESS THE JAMES RIVER IS NOT ALWAYS OUR FRIEND!

BY THE 20TH CENTURY, LYNCHBURG WAS BECOMING A CENTER FOR MANUFACTURING WITH A COTTON MILL, A SHOE FACTORY, AND A PIPE MANUFACTURER.



MORE JOBS = MORE PEOPLE IN LYNCHBURG.



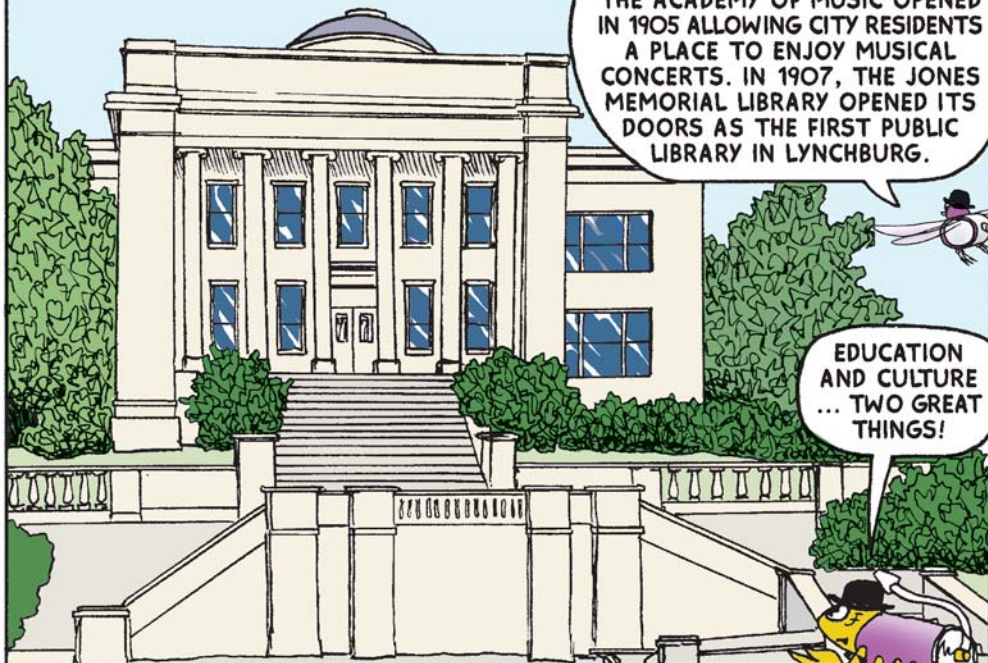
THREE COLLEGES WERE FOUNDED IN THE CITY- RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE IN 1891, SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE IN 1901, AND LYNCHBURG COLLEGE IN 1903.

LOTS OF LEARNING IN LYNCHBURG!



THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC OPENED IN 1905 ALLOWING CITY RESIDENTS A PLACE TO ENJOY MUSICAL CONCERTS. IN 1907, THE JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY OPENED ITS DOORS AS THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LYNCHBURG.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE ... TWO GREAT THINGS!



TODAY LYNCHBURG'S BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES INCLUDE HEALTH CARE, INSURANCE, NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND RADIO COMMUNICATION TO NAME A FEW.

LYNCHBURG HAS A RICH PAST AS WELL AS A BRIGHT FUTURE! JOHN LYNCH WOULD BE PROUD FOR SURE!

