

At length the perilous voyage came to an end; and the good ship, having weathered stress of weather, came to anchor at her berth in His Majesty King George's colony of Virginia. What disposition was to be made of the lad was a question with the captain. At length he happened upon the expedient of apprenticing his charge to one Christopher Clark, a Quaker and wealthy tobacco planter.

Lynch went to work with a heavy heart, but fate was kind to the friendless youth; for the Quaker's daughter, Sarah, being moved to sympathy for his friendless state, fell in love with him and they were married, such a union seeming to be with the consent of Christopher Clark, for the young couple moved on to one of the latter's plantations, "Chestnut Hill," in what is now Campbell county, about a mile from the present city of Lynchburg.

Here Charles Lynch secured large tracts on the rivers James and Staunton. These grants from His Majesty George II., through William Gooch, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, were bestowed for a few pounds sterling on the promise of improving the land, which embraced thousands of valuable acres.

Six children were born of the marriage of Charles and Sarah Lynch—Charles, Penelope, Sarah, John, Christopher and Edward. Of these Charles figures most prominently. His mother was a member of the Society of Friends, and, in marrying Charles Lynch, was expelled from the society, her husband, it was said by the elders, not being religiously disposed; but the two young people were forgiven, at length becoming members of the South River Meeting House. To the eldest of their offspring little of Quakerism seems to have descended, Charles Lynch, the son, having rather more of worldly desires than his good brethren could wish, as witness the following from the records of South Meeting House, December 12, 1767:—

"Whereas Charles Lynch, having been a member of the Society of the People called Quakers, and having, contrary to our known principles, been guilty of taking solemn oaths, we do testify against all such practices, and the actor thereof from being any longer a member of our Society, till it may please God to convict him of his error and work repentance in him by a Godly