

Christian's Factory

There were two factories owned by Christian. it is unclear who this particular was as it is a common surname in Central Virginia. The locations were Fourteenth and Commerce Street and Main Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets. Neither is readily identifiable on Gray's 1877 map of Lynchburg. There were several recorded deaths at Christian's Factory, usually from typhoid fever or pneumonia. Many of these soldiers were buried at [Old City Cemetery](#).

In 1862 smallpox epidemic broke out in the hospitals, and there were 99 deaths from that disease among the wounded Confederate soldiers. The ravages were more serious during the winter months than other seasons. The first soldier who fell a victim to this disease was John Smith, of Company "L", 2nd Mississippi Regiment at Christian's Factory Hospital in October, 1862, and the last was John Pugh of Company "C", Virginia Cavalry, in April, 1864 - R.H. Early, CAMPBELL CHRONICLES and FAMILY SKETCHES



Scene in a Lynchburg Tobacco Factory.