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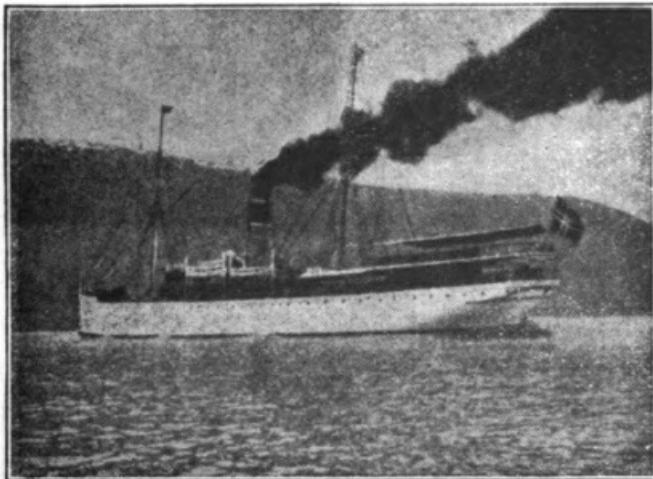
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FROM Richmond to North Cape

By
GASTON LICHTENSTEIN



Tourist Boat

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
WILLIAM BYRD PRESS
1922

Title page of Gaston Lichtenstein's *From Richmond to North Cape*, published 1922 by William Byrd Press, Richmond, Virginia. Presented by HathiTrust.

^[2]Gaston Lichtenstein, researcher, writer, and historian, was born in Tarboro, the son of David and Hannah Zander Lichtenstein. The oldest of seven children,

he attended Tarboro Male Academy from September 1890 to February 1895. He was graduated from Hughes High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1897. Afterwards, he studied at both the University of Cincinnati (1897–1900) and Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, from which he received the degree of bachelor of Hebrew Letters in 1899. In 1903 Lichtenstein moved to Richmond, Va., with his parents, who had lived there before going to Tarboro. He remained in Richmond until his death.

Lichtenstein was fluent in seven languages and tutored Douglas Southall Freeman in Hebrew. His research at the Virginia State Library aided in the discovery of letters that Patrick Henry wrote while governor of Virginia. Lichtenstein was a frequent contributor of historical articles to *The Tarborough Southerner*^[3]. A Mason, he was a member of Beth Ahabah Temple in Richmond, the B'nai B'rith Lodge, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the American Historical Association, and the Richmond Musicians' Association.

Among Lichtenstein's many publications are "Early History of Tarboro . . ." (1908), "Early Social Life in Edgecombe"^[4](1904), "Edgecombe and the Revolution" (1912), "For Whom Was Edgecombe County Named?" (1918), *From Richmond to North Cape* (1922), "George Washington's Lost Birthday" (1924), "Louis D. Wilson . . ." ^[5] (1911), "Recollections of My Teacher . . ." (1953), "Thomas Jefferson as War Governor . . ." (1925), "When Tarboro Was Incorporated. . ." ^[6] (1910), "A Visit to Young's Pier . . ." (1908), and "The Virginia Lichtensteins" (1912). He compiled *Repatriation of Prisoners of War from Siberia. . .* (1924), and he was the coauthor of the *History of the Jews of Richmond*^[7](1917).

Lichtenstein never married. He died in the hotel that was his home in Richmond and was buried in the Hebrew cemetery.

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