First mentioned by George Washington in 1776, Richmond’s canals were part of a comprehensive transportation route from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River. By 1789, initial construction of portions of the canal was completed, which gradually became part of the James River and Kanawha Canal system, and eventually linked to the Ohio River. The canal was completed by 1798, and was known as the Highland Canal. The canal system continued to expand in the early 19th century, eventually becoming the Central Virginia – Richmond – Kanawha Canal.

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