

## The Thruston Ancestry

The quaint old record book now in possession of one of our Kentucky cousins, has fortunately preserved an outline of the history of the Thruston family for over three hundred years. The record dates from the reign of James the First of England, A. D. 1604. It has been handed down in the direct line from father to son, thru nine successive generations, and gives in original entries the dates of birth, and baptism, marriage, and deaths, and other incidents of family history during these three centuries. My sons represent the tenth generation.\*

The first entry in the record is as follows:

"John Thruston, the son of Malathias Thruston, of Wellington, in Somerset, was baptized in ye Parish Church of Wellington on ye 8th of June, 1606—being Whit-Sunday."

This John Thruston, who is designated in the record as "Chamberlaine of this citty of Bristoll" in England, was blessed with two wives, and consumes a considerable part of the book in registering his family history, as may be inferred from the following

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\*Dr. John Thruston, of Louisville, inherited this ancient record book from his father, Colonel John Thruston (our grand uncle), and his heirs now have possession of it. He kindly loaned it to me for a year or more, and I made a copy of it. Our cousin, R. C. Ballard Thruston, of Louisville, had a most interesting photographic copy made, and added many valuable items of information, including photographs of the old English Churches, where the ancestors of the family were buried, and of the ancient home of our branch of the Thrustons. He also complimented the Thruston side of his family by changing his name by law from Ballard to Ballard-Thruston, the latter being the name of his mother's family.