

ords were able to trace the relationship with almost absolute certainty. All the familiar family names of the Malachy Thruston branch were duplicated in this family record. The arms of the Talgarth branch in all details were identical with the arms on the seal of Edward Thruston of Norfolk County, Virginia.

Perhaps it was in part my imagination, but in features and expression our "Cousin Charles" certainly looked like one of our American Thrustons. In discussing the family relationship at dinner one evening, our hostess, Mrs. Thruston, inquired of my wife if the Thruston men in America were "as exceedingly fond of the ladies as their English cousins were." "Yes," my wife replied, "that is one of their marked characteristics; I feel sure these two cousins must be blood relations."

"Mrs. Charles" seemed so much in earnest that I feared the conversation was about to take a serious turn, but happily she only said, "My, my," and let the Thruston men off without further remark. Meantime Mr. Charles and I became engaged in an animated discussion about other absorbing topics until the dinner was nearly over.*

The first American Thrustons settled at an early date at Gloucester Point, in Gloucester County, Virginia, named after the old home county in England, a beautiful commanding site on York River, opposite historic Yorktown. It was one of the outposts of Lord Cornwallis at the time of the surrender, and

*Mr. Charles F. Thruston, of Talgarth Hall, near Machynlleth, died some years ago and his son Nesbit is now the owner of the estate in Wales. Capt. Edmund Heathcote Thruston, of Pennel Tower (nephew of Charles), visited us at Nashville in 1893, and Major Lechmere Russell and his sister, of Herefordshire, England, and of the same Thruston connection, were our guests for some weeks. In 1880 we were most pleasantly entertained by them at their home, "The Lodge," near Leominster, in Herefordshire.