VA WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY JOINS WITH VA SOCIETY ORDER OF FOUNDERS & PATRIOTS OF AMERICA TO CONDUCT A JOINT FOUNDER & 1812 VETERAN GRAVE MARKING

TIMBERNECK FARM

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COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

For VIRGINIA FOUNDER JOHN MANN

& WAR OF 1812 OFFICER MAJOR ROBERT THRUSTON

Conducted by: The Virginia Society Order of Founders & Patriots of America

& The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Major Robert Thruston was a staff officer of the 21st Virginia Militia Regiment of Gloucester County during the War of 1812, having been promoted to this rank on Mar 19, 1814. Previous, as a Captain Company Commander in the county, he had assigned to him 118 men and his unit served at various locations in the county and possibly at Yorktown as well. His unit protected the county's coastline from British attacks during the periods in 1813 from 16 February to 25 March, 01 May to 03 July, 24 to 31 July, and from 28 August to 23 March 1814, There were numerous enemy incursions and fire fights during these periods. After the war he continued to serve in the county militia and achieved the rank or title of Colonel.

He was born March 30, 1782, at Landsdown in Gloucester County, son of John (20 May 1750-16 Feb 1783) and Sarah (__) Thruston. He died on 22 February 1857. His grandparents were John (21 Oct 1709-20 Feb 1766) and Sarah Haynes (15 Sep 1716-12 May 1785) Thruston. He married Mary Catlett, (c1791-01 Dec 1843), daughter of John and Ann (__) Catlett at Timberneck on 20 December 1820.

ABOVE: MAJOR ROBERT THRUSTON'S GRAVESTONE

BELOW SECRETARY VICTOR DIEHL IS SHOWN WITH HIS ANTIQUE SALUTE CANNON USED IN THE CEREMONY