

# STALCOP NOTES

April 2013

## THE GRAND EXODUS

The Stalcop family participated in the GRAND EXODUS of nearly all of the Swedish and Dutch families from the New Sweden Colony area 1769-1770. They left in two large groups. One headed west and the other south. Our group went south. There were about 35 families involved head south.

It was a dangerous trip for our family. Even near the ocean it was Indian Territory. Our family likely was one of the first groups to use a famous brand of wagon that was built near where they began their migration.

### NEW LOOK

We have a new simplified look.

Much more about these events can be found on the Stalcop Family web site.



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The Conestoga covered wagon

Our family probably had eight to ten wagons in the train. Other New Sweden families are known to have migrated at the same time and into the same area of the country. Our 6<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor, Peter Stalcop, later married Polly Garrison, a Dutch girl whose family also participated in the Grand Exodus.

Larry, representing the Swedish Colonial Society, had the exhilarating pleasure last Fall to serve as the historical consultant during the research and writing of a drama by David Price, the official Historical Interpreter for the State of Delaware.

The last Governor of the New Sweden Colony, Johan Risingh, was determined to have someone other than himself blamed for the lost of the Colony to Dutch Forces. He brought to trial all of the officers stationed at Fort Trinity. This included the ancestor of all Stalcop's everywhere, Gunnery Sergeant Johan Stålkofta,

Our ancestor was tried in a Court where the judge was the accuser and the jury and prosecutor were selected by the judge. During the trial the focus shifted and centered upon Captain Sven Skute, the Commander of Fort Trinity, but all of the officers would have shared his fate.

Had it not been for the intervention of another well known historical person, Governor-General Peter Stuyvesant, commander of the invading Dutch forces and the Colony of New Netherlands who forbid any verdicts or "punishments", our ancestor and all the officers may well have been found guilty of the Governor Risingh charges and executed to create a diversion to cover up his disobeying of his own direct orders and his theft of a lot of money. He sold the nine New Sweden cannons from Fort Christina and pocketed the money.

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## STÅLKOFTA'S TRIAL

# STALCOP GATHERING

In light of the hot weather we have encountered the past several years we have make some changes in an effort to reduce the impact of the heat.

## TIME CHANGE

NEW TIME: 4 PM until - - -

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JULY 13, 2013

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THE BUILT IN 1900 OLD HOME PLACE OF CHARLIE AND MARY STALLCUP

Come learn more about great events in the family history. This year we will hear lots about our route into the Smoky Mountains.

## VERY IMPORTANT

CLICK to send an email to [STALCOP@AOL.COM](mailto:STALCOP@AOL.COM) Tell us your name and address and how many kinfolks so we may provide them with food and drinks.

Have questions and comments ?

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