

# STALCOP NOTES

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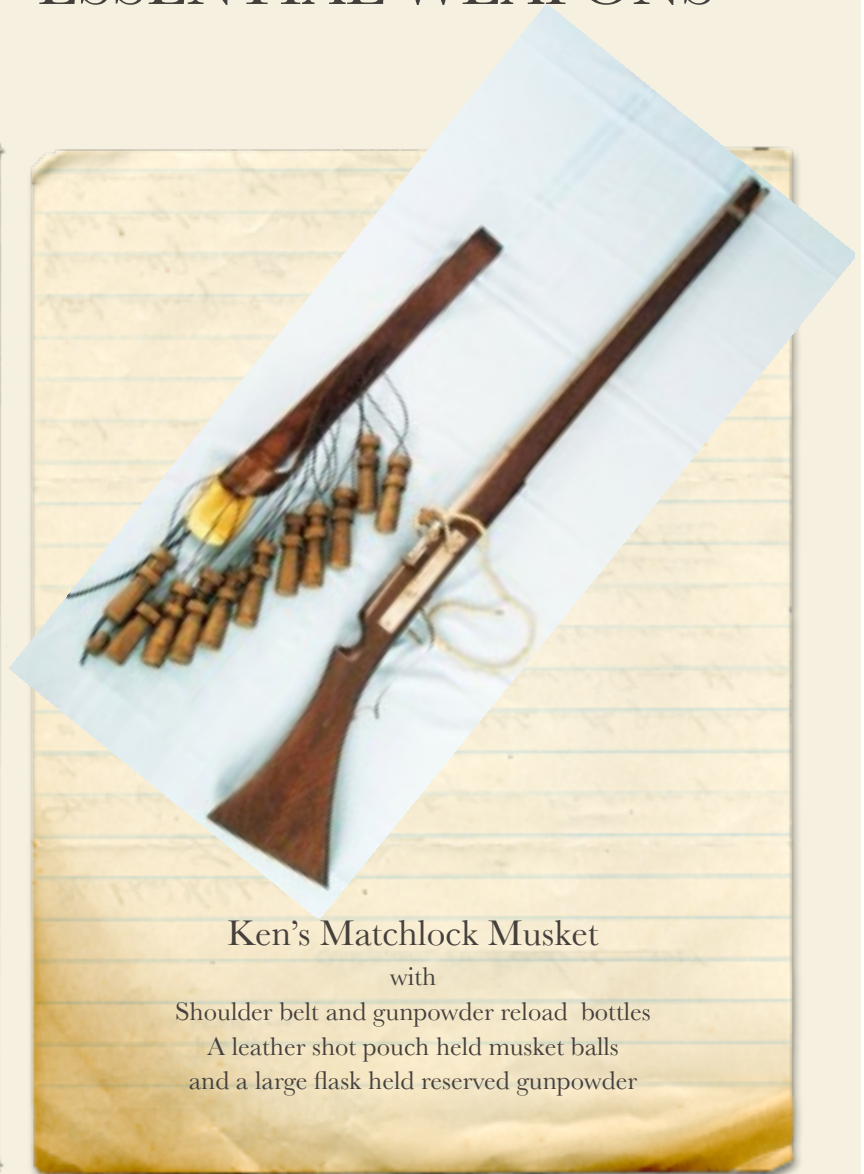
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## OUR ANCESTOR'S ESSENTIAL WEAPONS

Pencil portrait by  
Mary E. Stallcup



Ken Petersson  
Swedish Colonial Society  
Forefather Member  
Dressed as a New Sweden musketeer  
Carrying his working Matchlock  
Musket



Ken's Matchlock Musket

with

Shoulder belt and gunpowder reload bottles  
A leather shot pouch held musket balls  
and a large flask held reserved gunpowder



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the first ever STALCOP*

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## FANTASTIC DISCOVERY

A 1662 petition letter asking for a Dutch patent (first time deed) for a grist mill and several acres of land on Shellpot Creek in now Delaware has been found, It bears the personal signature of the

**VERY FIRST STALCOP**  
**JOHAN ANDERSSON STALCOP**

A 350 year old letter bearing the personal signature of an ordinary citizen is so rare that this is a major discovery for the Stalcop Family. It was found in the New York Historical Manuscripts - Dutch collection in Albany, New York. By this letter the first STALCOP turn himself into a business owner and was a member of a partnership in a commercial venture. SEE THE STALCOP FAMILY WEB SITE.

### FIRST STALCOP FAMILY BUSINESS

*After the loss of the New Sweden Colony to the Dutch there was a complete change in the economy. The Dutch monetary system was now in use. Johan Stalcop had purchased all the shoes in the New Sweden storehouse on his New Sweden account and he immediately sold them plus two pieces of furniture, a table and a wardrobe, to Dutch soldiers. This raised some immediate cash for his pockets.*

*He also came into possession of the parts to construct a water powered grist mill. Took several years but he gained two partners; Hans Block and Lucus Peterson. Together they built a grist mill on Shellpot Creek, a tributary of Brandywine Creek just north of Fort Christina. Johan Stalcop and Hans Block affixed their signatures to the petition. Lucus Peterson affixed his "bomark", that is, his unique signet mark .*

*Their petition was asking for a patent, or initial deed. They asked for title to the mill and about eight acres of surrounding land to be used to raise food for the miller they were going to hire to operate the mill. Later they were granted another 78 acres for the same purpose. The widows of the partners later sold the 78 acres but not the mill.*