

# STALCOP NOTES

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THE LATEST STALCOP  
HAPPENINGS

Up to the minute

IMAGES

SHORT AND  
TALL TALES

Annual STALCOP  
Family Gathering at  
the HOME PLACE  
of  
Charlie & Mary  
Stallcup  
Bryson City, Swain  
County, NC

## THE TIME VORTEX DELIVERED FUN FOR ALL

IF YOU MISSED THE 2010  
GATHERING YOU REALLY  
MISSED A GREAT EVENT

### TWO WONDERFUL EVENTS

The Gathering this year revisited two unique and exciting events from our early family history.

Apple Tree Planting The Stalcop variety of Apple is one of the oldest in America. The apple was brought by early colonist from Sweden. The first orchard is shown on a 1654 map of New Sweden.

Colonial Life The widow Dalbo told us of her life in the early New Sweden Colony in America. Anders Dalbo was captured by the Dutch with our ancestor, Johan Anderson Stålkofta, at Ft Cassimir, New Sweden in 1655 during the Dutch invasion.



Getting ready for the events of the day

Disappearing RUNE  
line. Cousins  
meeting cousins  
Lots of folks came  
dressed as one of  
their ancestors.  
That added to  
their fun.



Some of our hard working CREW

THE TIME VORTEX BROUGHT US A WONDERFUL FAMILY GATHERING.

## THE STALCOP FAMILY GATHERING IN BRYSON CITY, NC



ALEASA HOGATE AND FAMILY preform a play for us recounting the life of their ancestor, Elizabeth Dalbo. Elizabeth was married three times and widowed twice during her life in the New Sweden Colony. Sad to say that was somewhat a typical life of a woman in the early colonial days. The stage for the play was the porch of the log cabin originally built as the home of Frank and Maude Stallcup

**STALCOP APPLE TREE** A Stalcop variety of apple tree was planted in Bryson City, Swain County, NC. during the 2010 Stalcop Family Gathering. Hopefully it is the beginning of the rebuilding of the former orchard on the original farm of Charlie and Mary Birchfield Stallcup. A memorial stone was erected at the base of the tree to commemorate the event. The Stalcop variety of apple arrived about 1650 from Sweden into the New Sweden Colony. The first orchard was planted just outside the gates of Fort Christina in now Wilmington, DE. The orchard appears on a map drawn in 1654 by the Swedish military engineer, Peter Lindeström.

The Stalcop Apple is renowned as a cider apple. The fruit matures late in the fall of the year. Stalcop apple trees are growing in the Official North Carolina State Orchard located near Winston Salem.

