

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 Stålkofa, at Ft Cassimir, New Sweden in 1655 during the Dutch invasion.



Gettina 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.

