

## VON TRAPP FAMILY

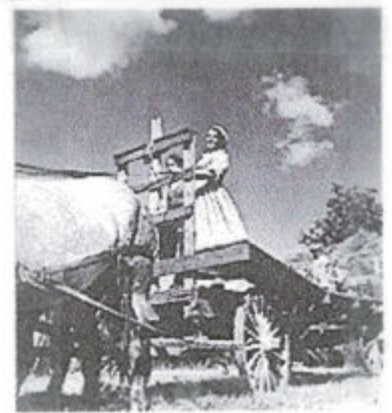
## Life in America

*Settling In Stowe, Vermont*

In the early 1940s, the von Trapp family toured the United States as the Trapp Family Singers before eventually settling in Stowe, Vermont on an enchanted farm with sweeping mountain vistas reminiscent of their beloved Austria.



What began as singing engagements at weddings and birthday parties evolved to European tours to concert halls and palaces. Soon the Trapp Family Singers were on tour in the United States. In 1939 they discovered Stowe, Vermont. This tiny mountain hamlet reminded them of the home they left behind in Austria. They took their one thousand dollars in savings and purchased an old farmhouse on 600 acres, Maria named it Cor Unum meaning "One Heart". The now famous family continued to tour the world for another 15 years but their home and hearts remained in Stowe. The family delighted in farm living. From cooking, gardening and maple sugaring to beekeeping and cross-country skiing, each found a fulfilling life on the farm.



Maria desire's to introduce music to American families led to the creation of the Trapp Family Music Camp - founded in Stowe in 1947. With the camp's growing popularity, overnight lodging was necessary and a few years later the first addition was made to the Lodge to accommodate the increasing number of guests. Thus began the Trapp Family Lodge.

