

## AMERICA

My country! 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee—  
Land of the noble free—  
Thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our father's God! to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King!

## KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

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Keep the home fires burn-ing,  
While your hearts are yearn-ing,  
Tho' your lads are far away,  
They dream of home.  
There's a silver lin-ing,  
Thru the dark cloud shin-ing,  
Turn the dark cloud inside out,  
Till the boys come home.

## BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian  
love;  
The fellowship of kindred  
minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent pray-  
ers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our  
aims are one,  
Our comfort and our  
cares.

We share our mutual  
woes;  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other  
flows,  
A sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be  
joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

## FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION

# Oplinger Family of America

1734



1918

**SATURDAY**  
**August 31st, 1918**

**Edgemont Park, Edgemont, Pa.**

### OFFICERS

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## The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
 Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,  
 Where the foe's haughty hosts in dread silence reposes,  
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;  
 'Tis the star-spangled banner; oh, long may it wave  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
 That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
 A home and a country should leave us no more?  
 Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution;  
 No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
 Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;  
 Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
 Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
 And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

## PROGRAM

(From 1 to 2.30 P. M. at lecture stand)

Piano Solo ..... Monroe Oplinger  
 Opening Song ..... Star Spangled Banner  
 Prayer  
 Remarks ..... President, Wm. Oplinger  
 Business Meeting  
     1. Secretary's Report  
     2. Election of Officers  
     3. Miscellaneous business  
 Song ..... America  
 Piano Solo ..... Amelia Zellner  
 Vocal Duett ..... "God be with our boys to-night"  
     Irene Oplinger and Mrs. Wm. Williams  
 Address ..... Rev. W. J. Dech  
 Instrumental Duett ..... Irene Oplinger and Olive Buck  
 Recitation: "Do Your Bit to Help the Boys,"  
     Russell Oplinger  
 Address ..... H. John Opplinger  
 "Keep the Home Fires Burning" ..... Quartet  
 Historical Report ..... Secretary, Elwood E. Oplinger  
 Piano Solo ..... Monroe Oplinger  
 Recitation ..... Albert Henry  
 Offering and Announcements  
 Awarding of prizes:  
     Oldest Oplinger present.  
     Youngest Oplinger present.  
     Largest Oplinger family present.  
     Oplinger coming the longest distance.  
 Selection ..... Smith Family  
 Remarks by visiting members.  
 Song ..... "Blest be the tie that binds"  
 Benediction  
 Piano Solo ..... Monroe Oplinger

If you are a relative and have never attended our re-union before to-day BE SURE to give your name and address to the Registration Clerk, Raymond E. Oplinger, in order that we may place your name on our mailing list.

REMEMBER it requires money to conduct such a re-union. Make your contribution the very best.

Show that you are a relative—wear a badge. Be proud of your ancestry!

All historical information you may have should be given to our historian, Elwood E. Oplinger, without delay to use in editing our family records.