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# PROGRAM

19TH ANNUAL

# OPLINGER FAMILY REUNION



ISAAC UPLINGER HOMESTEAD
Danielsville, Penna.
(Reuben and William Oplinger in foreground)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1932

**EDGEMONT PARK** 

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# AFTERNOON PROGRAM

(1:15 o'clock Daylight Saving Time)

1 Everybody Sing.....All hail the Power of Jesus' Name. Let us Pray. Business Session: Date and Place of 20th Reunion. Report of Nominating Committee, Election of Officers. Miscellaneous Items. Instrumental Trio, ......Smith, Rhoads, Eckert Recitation......Marjorie Smith Vocal Selection......Mrs. Lambert Seibert Address......Prof. Robert N. Taylor Asst. Supt. Northampton County Public Schoo's Echos and Encores.....guess What and Who? Reading....Lucille Buck Instrumental Trio.....Smith, Rhoads, Eckert Let us all take part in the.....Offering All Sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

13 Prayer and Benediction.

#### ALL HAIL THE POWERS OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye morning stars of Light, Who fixed this earthly ball; Now hail the strength of Israel's might And crown Him Lord of all; Now hail the strength of Israel's might, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

## GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

God be with you till we meet again!—
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again;

Cho.—Till we meet! Till we meet!
Till we meet at Jesus' feet!
Till we meet! Till we meet!
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again!—
When life's perils thick confront you.
Put His arms unfailing 'round you.
God be with you till we meet again.—Cho.

If you have never attended our reunion before or have moved since our last reunion, BE SURE to give your name and address to our Secretaries, Arthur J. Oplinger or Raymond E. Oplinger.

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# In Demory

These have joined the Eternal Reunion during the past year.

MRS. GEORGE T. OPLINGER, Slatington.
MRS. ARCHIE C. PRENTICE, Allentown.
MR. GEORGE W. OPLINGER, Northampton.
MRS. SARAH OPLINGER, Danielsville.
MR. MIFFLIN OPLINGER, Wilkes Barre.

### THE OPLINGER FAMILY

The Oplingers are natives of Schwartzena, Germany, who came to America about 1732. The port of landing is not definitely established, but believed to be Fhiladelphia, Pa.

Original ancestors are said to be Isaac, Nicholas, and Samuel Ublinger, three brothers, and sister, Anna, who later became the second wife of Bernhard Kuntz.

All the known graves of our original ancestors are located on the Indianland Cemetery, near Cherryville, Pa., and the St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Kreidersville, Pa.

Earliest records find the three brothers and Anna located near Danielsville, Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pa. The best known of these locations is the home of Isaac at Danielsville, a picture of which appears on the front page of this program. This is located on the property of the late Daniel Oplinger and is known as the Old Homestead. Original tract consisted of 60 acres, (surveyed dated October 18, 1785), and was patented to Daniel Oplinger on March 4, 1870. This homestead is still standing.

Samuel also lived at Danielsville on land adjoining Isaac, according to records of survey.

Nicholas lived at Danielsville for a while, but later moved to what is now Carbon County, Pa. He secured a warrant for 60 acres of land on August 31, 1734 in Phi'adephia County in what is now included in Montgomery County. On June 12, 1751 he was granted a warrant for 26 acres in Towamensing Township, Northampton County, which is now part of Carbon County. This tract was at Lehigh Gap between Craig's Hotel and Snyder's Mill, lastly occupied by the Prince Metallic Paint Co. He owned another tract above Millport, now known as Aquashicola. Nicholas conducted a public place at Lehigh Gap and there entertained Benjamin Franklin on his march to Fort Allen, January 11, 1756. Nicholas was appointed the first constable of Carbon County in 1752 and was also the first settler of that county. In November, 1756, Nicholas entertained Conrad Weiser with the famous Indians-Teedyuseung, Pompshire and Tetany. In 1763 Nicholas Wetherhold used "Uplingers" as his military headquarters in connection with Fort Allen.

Both Nicholas and Samuel are listed as rangers on the Pennsylvania frontier from 1778 to 1783.

The assessment lists for 1780 in Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pa., show Samuel and Isaac as farmers assessed at \$500 each.

Nicholas, Isaac, and Samuel participated in the Revolutionary War during 1782 and 1783.

The Oplinger name has been variously spelled Uplinger, Oblinger, Opplinger, and now Oplinger, and all of these spelling are still in use in various parts of the country. The "Ob" is still used in Ohio and southeastern Pennsylvania. The "Up" is used in parts of northern Pennsylvania and the central west. Both "Opp" and "Op" are used by those in eastern and central Pennsylvania and southern U. S.

NICHOLAS UPLINGER: No family record except that he was married to Elizabeth Myer or Moyer of Franconia Twsp., Philadelphia County, Pa. There is no known record of his birth, death, or place of burial.

SAMUEL UPLINGER: Nothing known of him except that which appears in the foregoing outline.

ISAAC UPLINGER: This history is the most complete. He is the head of the family to whom most of the members of the Pennsylvania, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and other branches belong. Date of birth not definite, died 1813. Wife, Susanna. Known children—John and Daniel.

GEORGE OPLINGER: The father of this ancestor is not known as yet. George was born about 1787, raised near Slatington, Pa. and emigrated to Plains, near Wilkes Barre, Pa. about 1830. First married to Frederica Rice, and had six (6) children: Reuben, Aaron, Henry, Nathan, John, Soloma. Second wife was a born Mock, with whom he had nine (9) children: Peter, Franklin, Adam, George, Jr., James, Winthrop, Mary, Fanny, Margaret. George died about 1865 with a paralytic stroke. He is buried in the Old Wilkes Barrie, Pa. cemetery. Fought in 1812 and 1862 Wars.

CHRISTIAN OBLINGER: for a time lived at Danielsville, Pa., but settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pa. on a 178½ acres of land granted him October 19, 1765. Later emigrated to Ohio. This is the Oblinger

from whom the Ohio members originate. Legendary history has it that Christian, Gabriel, and John were brothers and the children of David Oblinger, originally from Pennsylvania. Gabriel and John settled in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, at an early date, later becoming prosperous business men. John was by religion a Methodist; Gabriel belonged to the U. B. Church. The first school teacher in Dayton, Ohio, was an Oblinger teaching German. Gabriel was born about 1800 in Lancaster County, Pa., died in 1879 and is buried in Germantown, Ohio.

Our research indicates the father of Christian Oblinger to be a John Oplinger, Sr. with the following children. Daniel, Christian, Amos, John Jr., Gabriel, Hannah, and Susan. Members of this family also served in the Revolutionary War.

This must necessarily be a brief outline and is published in the hope of evoking enough interest to bring to our historical files definite fact, establishing or correcting the data here given.

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