

IN MEMORIAM

Pearl Oplinger Wolfe, Northampton, Oct. 31, 1942.
Ida Oplinger Heffelfinger, Nov. 20, 1942.
Charles Welty, Bath, Nov. 25, 1942.
Miss Edith B. Vandermark, Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 9, 1943.
Mrs. Anna Watkins, Stroudsburg, Sept. 29, 1943.
Melvin Irwin, Jefferson County, Feb. 18, 1944.
Mrs. William Oplinger, Northampton, April 11, 1944.
John F. Mentzer, Barberton, Ohio, April 13, 1944.
Robt. Oplinger, Jr., Northampton, May 5, 1944.
Francis Bachman, Northampton, May 16, 1944.
Mrs. Thomas A. Oplinger, Bath, June 16, 1944.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

In May, 1914 Reuben and William Oplinger, Danielsville, Pa., conceived the idea of an Oplinger Family Reunion.

July 29, 1914 they appointed Elwood E. Oplinger, Allentown, as temporary organizer and general secretary.

Sept. 5, 1914 the first reunion met at Edgemont Park, Edgemont, Pa., with 400 present of which about 200 were members of the family. Of these 145 signed their names in registry book which is part of our permanent historical records. Contributions totaled \$58.00.

First officers were: President, Reuben R. Oplinger, Danielsville; Vice President: Francis Oplinger, Wilkes-Barre; Walter M. Oplinger, Wilkes-Barre; William H. H. Oplinger, Edgemont; Thomas A. Oplinger, Bath; Secretary, Treasurer and Historian, Elwood E. Oplinger, Allentown; Asst. Historians: Francis Oplinger, Wilkes-Barre; Wm. Rinkenbach, Wilmington, Del.

For many years our badges were celluloid buttons with beautiful ribbons attached and featuring photos of our ancestors. Our first badge bore photo of John Amandus Oplinger, second oldest living relative in 1914, great grandson of Isaac Ublinger.

Relatives who have served as president:

1914-16 Reuben R. Oplinger, Danielsville
1916-17 Francis Oplinger, Wilkes-Barre
1918 William Oplinger, Danielsville
1919-23 Thomas A. Oplinger, Bath
1924-33 Elwood E. Oplinger, Allentown
1934 Thomas A. Oplinger, Bath
1935-39 Barton J. Oplinger, Walnutport
1940- Elwood E. Oplinger, Allentown

CONGRATULATING Alice Oblinger Saunders, age 93, daughter of Grantum Oblinger, Civil War veteran buried in Arlington Cemetery, Va., wife of late Leander L. Saunders, as oldest known living relative. She resides with daughter in Wilmington, Del.

THIRTIETH REUNION

Oplinger Family of America

1724....220 Years in America....1944

Buy
War Bonds



Invest
in Victory

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1944
Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.

OFFICERS

President....Elwood E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.
Vice Presidents: Warren G. Hangen, Northampton, Pa.
Harvey N. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown
Arthur J. G. Oplinger, RFD, Hellertown, Pa.
John D. Watkins, Red Bank, N. J.
Rec. Secretary.....Miss Tessie Oplinger, RFD, Walnutport, Pa.
Corr. Secretary....Barton J. Oplinger, 242 Main St., Walnutport
Treasurer.....Mrs. Emma J. Minnich, RFD, Danielsville, Pa.
Historians: Wm. H. Rinkenbach, 144 S. Morris St., Dover, N. J.
John D. Watkins, 71 N. Bridge St., Red Bank, N. J.
Guy R. Uplinger, New Kensington, Pa.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elwood E. Oplinger.....Chairman
Alvin D. Oplinger, Jeremiah D. Oplinger, Mrs. Clifford Kraemer,
Oliver O. Oplinger, Mrs. Tilghman Easterday, William Hahn,
Newton Oplinger, Clarence Weaver, Paul Oplinger.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Music.....Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger
Reception.....Arthur J. G. Oplinger
Memorial.....Miss Tessie Oplinger
Badge.....Raymond E. Oplinger

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Opening Song.....	America
Prayer.....	Rev. Ralph Thomas Bailly
Words of Welcome.....	President Elwood E. Oplinger
Marimba Duet.....	Beatrice Blose, Sylvia Eitel
Singing our favorite songs..	Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger, directing
Our Sons and Daughters in War.....	Arthur J. C. Oplinger
Saxophone and Flute Duet.....	Ralph and Dallas Graber
Letters from Camps and War Fronts.....	Barton J. Oplinger
Reminiscences of our First (1914) Reunion	
Vocal Trio.....	Mrs. Gordon Oplinger, Vivian Huber, Mrs. Mark Horner
Business Session: Greetings from Reunions Report of Nominating Committee Miscellaneous Business Election of Officers	
Offering and Song	
Awarding of Prizes:	
Oldest Oplinger present	Youngest Oplinger present
Longest Married Couple	Most Recent Married Couple
Coming longest distance	Winning Badge number
Remarks and Announcements.....	President-Elect
Closing Song.....	Star Spangled Banner
Benediction.....	Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger

FREE 10¢ TREATS for all relatives age 14 and under following this program. Young folks gather at speakers' platform and receive their ticket from Miss Tessie Oplinger.

All relatives present who did not receive this year's announcement please give your name and address today to Corr. Secretary Barton J. Oplinger.

Any historical questions or data you have to submit shall be directed to William H. Rinkenbach and John D. Watkins, Historians.

MILITARY HONOR ROLL

These relatives were reported as serving in World War II.

S/Sgt. Edgar Beidelman, AAA
Kenneth M. Benninger, USA
James Boyer, USA
Forrest Christman, ASN
Robt. C. Dieter, CPO, USN
Carl Eckert, EM 2/c, USN
Sgt. John Eckert, AAF
Lt. Robert Eckert, AAF
Willard Eckert, S 2/c, USN
Warren G. Engle, Jr., USA
Sgt. Edward L. Fabian, USA
Mary Jane Fabian, WAC
Sgt. Roy M. Fabian, ASN
Arthur J. Foley, Jr., AAC
Clarence Fuller
Robert Gold, AAF
Norman Graver
Wm. H. Grow, M 1/c, USN
Geary A. Gum
John Gum
Chas. E. Hangen, USA
S/Sgt. Paul R. F. Hangen, AAF
Edwin Heldel
Milfred Irwin, MOMM, 3/c
Paul A. Irwin, S 2/c, USN
Wm. P. Kichline, Jr., USA
Winfield A. Kistler, USN
Paul Klotz
Pfc Claude Kromer, USA
S/Sgt. Forest E. Lachner
George D. Lauter
Frederick B. Lynn, Jr., USA
Thomas McKeever, USA
George Michael, USA
Harold Minnich
Howard Minnich
Ralph Minnich
Ray J. Minnich
Russell K. Minnich
Sgt. Ervin E. Oplinger, ASS
1st Lt. Harold Oplinger, AAC
Jay Oplinger, AAF
Pfc Lewis Oplinger, USA
Pfc Ralph G. Oplinger, AAF
Jacob Paulus
Stanley Marsh Peters, CSK, USN
Pfc Paul Reph, ASN
Theodore Reph, USN
James Schaffer
Floyd Stewart
Carl Uplinger
Edwin Uplinger
Eugene B. Uplinger, USA
Everett Uplinger
Harvey Uplinger
Ivan Uplinger
Lawrence Uplinger
Pfc Merle L. Uplinger
Ralph B. Uplinger, USA
Robert Jaqua Uplinger, AAC
Ronal Uplinger
Sgt. Howard Wambold, ASS
Ray Wambold, USA
Donald H. Watkins, USA
Walter A. Watkins, AAF
Willard D. Watkins, ASC
Raymond Weaver, ASN
Edwin Weiss
Lester Weiss
Lloyd Weiss
Harold Welty, USA
Robert Welty, USA
Tilman Welty, USA

Wm. Eckert, USN, lost on Juneau

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

Claude A. D. Buck	Robert A. Minnich	Floyd Oplinger
Harry Collins	Samuel Minnich	Granville Oplinger
Allen Dech	Clinton Oblinger	Roy Oplinger
Earl Eckert	Scott Oblinger	Russell Oplinger
Charles Flick	Barton J. Oplinger	Stanley Rinkenbach
Frank Kromer	Charles Oplinger	J. F. Siley
William A. Kromer	Clyde W. Oplinger	Stephen Siley
Ed. Minnich	Delbert Oplinger	