

THESE ENDED THEIR LIFE JOURNEY

George Highburger, West Newton, RD #1, Pa., in Korea	1950
Frank J. Uplinger, 78, St. Joseph, Mo.	Jan. 4, 1950
Mrs. Jennie Eckert Roper, 65, Palmerton, Pa.	Nov. 1, 1950
J. E. Uplinger, St. Francis, Kans.	Dec. 31, 1950
Erwin F. Glose, 81, Fountain Hill, Pa.	Feb. 10, 1951
Mrs. Martha Uplinger Lanan, 82, Sycamore, Ill.	May, 1951
George W. Mack, 79, Palmerton, Pa.	June 24, 1951
Mrs. Margaret Mohrey, 102, Northampton, Pa.	Aug. 31, 1951
Mrs. Katie App Zellner, 74, Slatington, Pa.	Sept. 2, 1951
Leopold Rinkenbach, 87, Rockaway, N. J.	Sept. 7, 1951
James L. Zellner, 75, Slatington, Pa.	Oct. 17, 1951
Mrs. Gertrude A. Oplinger, 75, Allentown, Pa.	Oct. 19, 1951
Elmer P. Fenstermacher, 83, Danielsville, RD #1, Pa.	Jan. 31, 1952
James F. Oplinger, 57, Fort Wayne, Ind.	May 4, 1952
Mrs. Lizzie M. Oplinger, 79, Allentown, Pa.	May 15, 1952
Harvey N. Oplinger, 84, Allentown, Pa.	June 16, 1952
Tilghman H. Easterday, 62, Northampton, Pa.	June 17, 1952
Mrs. Helen Hangen Gombert, 59, Weissport, Pa.	June 27, 1952

VERY IMPORTANT

Relatives throughout the U.S.A., whose names and addresses are known to us are now listed alphabetically in an indexed file. If your announcement was incorrectly addressed, or if you did not receive an announcement this year, or if you know of a relative who is not receiving our announcements, PLEASE check with Emerson Weiss, Corr. Secy., TODAY, before you leave. He has the complete file in the park and can quickly correct or register any name and address.

NEWSY NOTES

Some copies of last year's program with pictures and map of Nicholas Oblinger settling at Lehigh Gap, Pa., are available at 10¢ each from Rec. Secy., Claude Eckert.

PHOTOS FOR SALE: Photos of the motorcade at Craig's Inn, Lehigh Gap, Pa., last year can be had in two sizes: 4½ x 6½", two kinds, at 75¢ each. In 2½ x 4", two kinds, at 15¢ each. Last year's program audience can also be had in 4½ x 6½" at 75¢ each, and 4 x 4" at 15¢ each. A few of the Lehigh Gap photos are available today but others must be ordered and paid for future delivery. Official Photographer, Ervin E. Oplinger, has samples and orders must be placed with him.

Two 1952 reunions were held already. The Wyoming Valley Branch at San Souci Park, nr. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 2, 1952. The Uplingers at Hetrick's Grove, Roseville, Pa., Aug. 16, 1952. The Oblingers will meet in Memorial Park, Wadsworth, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1952. All these reunions are always anxious for members of this branch to attend and extend their cordial invitation annually.

The services of Historian Rinkenbach are available to relatives who wish to make application for membership in descent societies. If interested speak to him today.

THIRTY-EIGHTH REUNION

Oplinger Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1952

Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

OFFICERS

President .. Elwood E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.
 Vice Presidents: Arthur J. G. Oplinger, Hellertown, RFD, Pa.
 Warren G. Hangen, Northampton, RFD #1, Pa.
 John D. Watkins, Rumson, N. J.
 Rec. Secy. Claude Eckert, 211 N. 6th St., Allentown, Pa.
 Corr. Secy. Emerson Weiss, Northampton, R. D. #1, Pa.
 Treasurer .. Mrs. Emma J. Minnich, Danielsville, RFD #1, Pa.
 Historians: Wm. H. Rinkenbach, 2010 Cypress Ave., Allentown,
 RFD #60, Pa., John D. Watkins, 3 Parmly St., Rumson, N.J.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elwood E. Oplinger, Chairman, Alvin D. Oplinger, Jeremiah D. Oplinger, Mrs. Laura Kraemer, Mrs. Tilghman Easterday, Newton Oplinger, Barton J. Oplinger, Miss Tessie Oplinger, Dr. Robt. Oplinger.

Pianists: Mrs. Laura Kraemer, Miss Jennie Becker.

Photographer: Ervin E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.

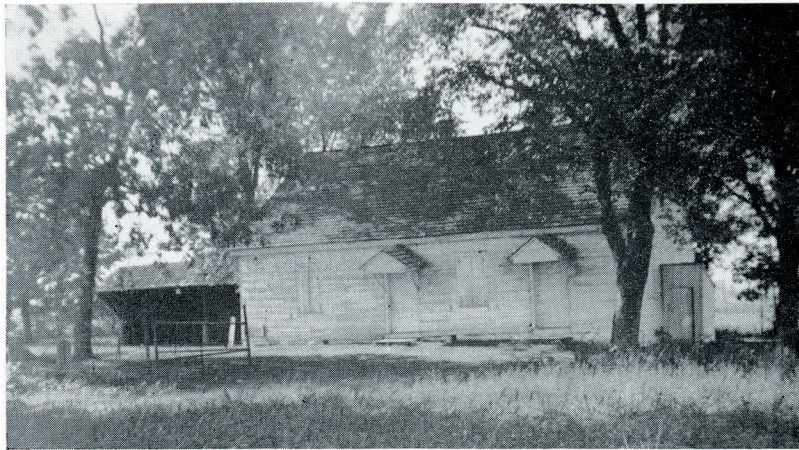
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reception Arthur J. G. Oplinger Program Elwood E. Oplinger
 Memorial Claude Eckert Prizes ... Mrs. Ray. Oplinger
 Badge Warren G. Hangen Music—

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Any historical data you may have—old documents, books, letters, pictures, etc.—will be appreciated to note for our permanent historical records. If desired, such will be returned to you when copies or records have been made. Historians Rinkenbach and Watkins will gladly discuss any historical matter with you today or anytime.



Klein's Brethren Meetinghouse, near Souderton, Pa., on original Claus Oblinger farmsite. *Photo by John D. Watkins*

THE EMIGRATION OF CLAUS OBLINGER

In 1724 Claus (Nicholas) Oblinger, or Uplinger, age about forty, left Schwartzenau, Germany, a village northwest of Marburg, in County of Wittgenstein, with his wife, Katrina, and five children, Nicholas, Christian, Catharina, Maria, and Anna. He had come to Schwartzenau about 1719, evidently from Baden, as a German Baptist Brethren (Dunkard) refugee.

After an unusually stormy voyage of about ten weeks that included three weeks of delay in England, their ship reached Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday, Oct. 1, 1724. It was not to a friendless land they came, for at Germantown were the Rev. Peter Becker, first Elder of the Brethren Church in America, and other Dunkards who had left Schwartzenau in 1719. It is probable that Claus and his family found their first place of rest at Germantown.

By 1727 Claus was a resident of Franconia township, Montgomery County, Pa., but it was not until Nov. 13, 1729 that he purchased a farm of 182 acres, situated mostly in Franconia township, partly in Lower Salford township, between Souderton and Harleysville, Pa.

Now settled in a land of peace and promise, with the oppressions of his native land, the terrors of the Atlantic Ocean, and the task of homeseeking behind him, his hard earned content was not to be for long. Within a year, the latter part of 1730, he sickened unto death. On Dec. 6, 1730 the farm was sold by his executors in a will dated Aug. 3, 1730 and probated Oct. 3, 1730. Evidently all his children were minors at his death.

He was the first person buried in the old Harley burying ground, at Klein's Brethren Meetinghouse, built in 1843 near Souderton. The burial ground was part of Claus' farm. No tombstone marks his grave. Within a few years most of the family migrated frontierward.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

(2:00 P. M. Eastern Daylight Time)

President Elwood E. Oplinger, presiding

Opening Songs Use Reunion Song Sheet

Prayer

A Word of Welcome John T. Bailly

Selections Snyder's Church Ladies' Kitchen Band

The Emigration of Claus Oblinger—
Wm. H. Rinkenbach, John D. Watkins

Business Session: General Business

Greetings from our Family Circle

Awarding of Seven Prizes:

Oldest Man Present	Longest Married Couple
Oldest Woman Present	Most Recently Married Couple
Youngest Relative Present	Largest Family Present
Coming Longest Distance	Badge Prize

Collection (entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

Remarks President-Elect

Announcements

Moments of Memory for Our Departed Relatives Claude Eckert

Song, Prayer and Benediction

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Song Selections Snyder's Church Ladies' Kitchen Band

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FREE TREATS for all relatives, age 14 and under, after program. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform and receive their ticket from Rec. Sec'y Claude Eckert.