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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	Monument	Wm. Rinkenbach

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VERY IMPORTANT

If you did not receive an announcement of this reunion, if it was incorrectly addressed, or, if you know of a relative not receiving our mail PLEASE check with our Corr. Secy., Emerson Weiss TODAY. He has our complete mailing file in the park and can quickly register a new name and address, or, make a correction.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Uplinger-Whitesel Reunion met July 18 at Hetrick's Grove, Roseville, Pa., with about 75 present.

The 24th gathering of the Wyoming Valley reunion was held Aug. 1 at Benton, Pa., with about 80 present, some from Michigan and other distant points. Surprise was the finding of photo of Benjamin Franklin Oplinger, reported to be father of 24 children.

The Ohio Oblingers met Aug. 16 at Memorial Park, Wadsworth, Ohio. We have no report yet but some of group may be here today.

Congratulations to Mrs. Barton J. Oplinger, Allentown, Pa., recently elected president of the Penna. American Legion Auxiliary, with 807 units and 91,000 members.

Louis Oblinger, 72, Tampa, Fla., real estate man, and Ray Bletzacker, 83, a boarding house operator, were good friends for 20 years. Recently they quarreled over the services of a handyman, Oblinger shot Bletzacker to death and then killed himself.

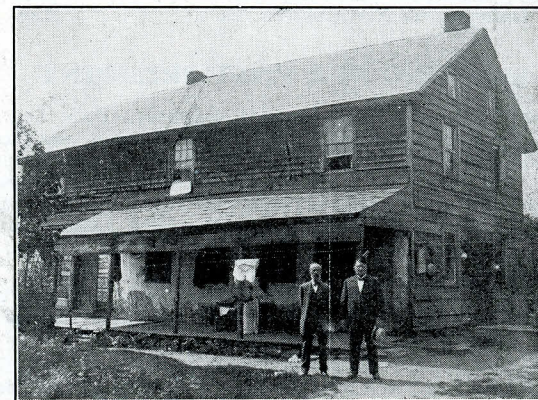
It is estimated that our family has over 2800 direct descendants, not counting in-laws. Counting all the relation, Historian John D. Watkins, estimates our ancestors have some 4000 offspring. Quite a tribe!

THIRTY-NINTH REUNION

Oplinger Family

1724 — 229 Years in America — 1953

The pioneer of four annual Oplinger-Uplinger Reunions—
three in Pennsylvania and one in Ohio



ISAAC UPLINGER HOMESTEAD, DANIELSVILLE, PA.

Photo above was taken in 1915. Homestead has about disappeared. Last photo taken in 1949 is shown in exhibit in pavilion. It originally was located on a 60 acre tract, adjoining farm of brother, Samuel, is on Lehigh Township assessment list of 1780, was surveyed Oct. 18, 1785, and patented to a grandson, Daniel, March 4, 1870. Located off road from Danielsville to Bossard's Corner, along present Lehigh & New England Railroad tracks, and only accessible across fields.

Foreground are, (left), Reuben R. Oplinger, our first president, and (right), William Oplinger, our third president, both of Danielsville, Pa., who together in May 1914 conceived the idea of an Oplinger Family Reunion.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1953

Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

✓ Emory C. Oblinger, 86, Germantown, Ohio	Dec., 1951
✓ Samuel E. Oplinger, 75, East Orange, N. J.	Sept. 30, 1952
✓ Harry W. Buck, 55, Bethlehem, Pa.	Sept. 24, 1952
Arthur Oplinger, Berwick, Pa.	Dec., 1952
✓ Mrs. Clarence Minnich, 51, Walnutport, R.D. 2, Pa.	Dec. 26, 1952
✓ Mrs. Oliver O. Oplinger, 68, Danielsville, Pa.	Jan. 14, 1953
✓ Alvin D. Oplinger, 92, Danielsville, Pa.	Jan. 16, 1953
Earl Oplinger, Northumberland, Pa.	Feb. 2, 1953
George B. Oplinger, Western Penna.	Feb. 14, 1953
Lawrence Buck, Weissport, Pa.	Feb. 24, 1953
✓ Leon H. Jones, 59, Bethlehem, Pa.	March 22, 1953
✓ George Leroy Faust, 65, Allentown, Pa.	
✓ Mrs. Carl Oplinger, Western Penna.	April 16, 1953
✓ Russell K. Oplinger, 26, Danielsville, Pa.	May 11, 1953
✓ Thomas H. Minnich, 74, Bethlehem, Pa.	June 2, 1953
✓ Henry H. Oplinger, 86, Northampton, Pa.	Aug. 1, 1953

SALUTING OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

At our first reunion, Sept. 5, 1914, Edgemont Park, Pa., one of the originators of this gathering, Reuben R. Oplinger, was elected as its first president. He served two terms. Reuben was the third child of Daniel, a grandson of John, and great grandson of ancestor Isaac. Born at Danielsville, Pa., Oct. 29, 1843, died Sept. 28, 1920 at Danielsville, and is buried in nearby Union Cemetery. Was married to Catherine Clewell, deceased, and had three children: Edith, Floyd, and Walter, also deceased.

He was a great family man, enthusiastic booster of our reunion and family history, a loyal Christian and a good citizen. It was largely due to his efforts that our reunions were started.

Sorry no photo of him was available for reproduction. Copy of such a photo and that of each of our past presidents would be much appreciated for our files and future use.

NEXT YEAR — OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY

Next year we celebrate the FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the start of these reunions on Sept. 5, 1914. An extra special program celebrating this historic event is already in progress. You and your family will not want to miss next year!

Special awards and recognition will be given for:

Relative with exhibit of all or most of our 39 reunion badges.
Oldest original manuscript or document giving historical data of one of our early ancestors.

Photos of ancestors born prior to 1865. Photos of their homes or family will also be considered.

Relatives attending who were present at first reunion and can identify themselves on photo of first reunion as printed in 1950 reunion program.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

(1:30 P. M. Eastern Daylight Time)

President Elwood E. Oplinger, presiding

Opening Songs Use Reunion Song Sheet

Prayer

Words of Welcome Arthur Oplinger, Vice President

Selections The Melodettes

Personal Greetings and Letters from our Family Circle

Selections The Melodettes

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	

Collection (entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Business Session: Date and Place Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Selections The Melodettes

Remarks and Announcements President-Elect

Awarding of Badge Prize

Moments of Memory for Departed Relatives Claude Eckert

Song, Prayer and Benediction

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