

THESE ENDED THEIR LIFE JOURNEY

Logan Oplinger, Greensburg, Pa.	1953
Frances Earhart, Cleveland, Ohio	1953
Paul Earhart, Mann, Pa.	1954
Henry A. Lanan, 86, Sycamore, Ill.	1954
Mrs. Elizabeth Aurner, 91, Kingston, Ill.	Dec. 5, 1954
Herman D. Uplinger, 51, Clearfield, Pa.	May 28, 1955
Willard L. Fritz, 49, Lehigh, Pa., R. 4	Sept. 4, 1955
Granville R. Oplinger, 33, Bath, Pa., R. 2	Oct. 15, 1955
Thomas A. Oplinger, 84, Easton, Pa., R. 4	Nov. 13, 1955
Mrs. Doris G. Uplinger, 77, Brookville, Pa.	Dec. 21, 1955
Glenn R. Uplinger, 59, Brookville, Pa.	Dec. 27, 1955
Raymond E. Oplinger, 59, Allentown, Pa.	March 4, 1956
Mrs. Grace Bossart Trax, 77, Arona, Pa.	May 12, 1956
Rufus P. Bossart, Arona, Pa.	July 5, 1956
John D. Watkins, 85, Rumson, N. J.	Aug. 7, 1956

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THE OBLINGERS 200 YEARS AGO

In January, 1756 Benjamin Franklin stopped overnight at the home of Nicholas Oblinger at Lehigh Gap en route to what is now Weissport, Carbon County, Pa.; where he was to supervise the building of Fort Allen. Throughout much of 1756 militia were stationed at the home of Nicholas Oblinger.

It has now been learned that Nicholas Oblinger took part in the building of Fort Allen, which was about eight miles north from his home. On Feb. 20, 1756 he presented a bill for "nine days of work and three wagons". This indicates that he probably used his oxen to haul three loads of supplies to the fort and helped in the erection of its walls; as no settler at that time had more than one wagon.

Nicholas Oblinger therefore was an active participant in the French and Indian War. His son, Samuel, was in 1763 to be a soldier in Pontiac's War, the next Indian uprising.

200 years ago, on June 12, 1756, there was born in Warwick Twp., Lancaster County, Pa., John Oblinger, a Revolutionary War Soldier who was later to settle near Davton, Ohio. He was the son of Christian, who was a brother of the Nicholas Oblinger of Lehigh Gap.

THE OTHER REUNIONS

The Oplingers annually gather in three other reunions besides this one. If you have never visited some of these, a pleasant experience awaits you next year.

First reunion this year were the Uplinger-Whitesel clan, July 21, at Clear Creek State Park, near Sigel, Jefferson County, Pa. No report yet on their success.

The Wyoming Valley Oplingers met August 4 at Harvey's Lake, near Laketon, Luzerne County, Pa., with a beautiful, sunny day and some 100 folks present.

The Ohio Oblingers met Sunday, August 12, at Derling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio. No report yet from them.

Forty-second Reunion Oplinger Family

Pioneer of four Oplinger-Uplinger Reunions
232 Years in America

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1956
Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

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OFFICERS

President	Elwood E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.
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Rec. Secy.	Claude Eckert, 1136 Tilghman St., Allentown, Pa.
Corr. Secy.	Emerson Weiss, Northampton, R. D. 1, Pa.
Treasurer	Mrs. Raymond E. Oplinger, 448 N. 6th St., Allentown, Pa.
Historian	Wm. H. Rinkenbach, 2010 Cypress Ave., Allentown, R. D. 60, Pa.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Laura Kraemer	Mrs. Tilghman Easterday
Newton Oplinger	Barton J. Oplinger
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Reception Arthur J. G. Oplinger	PrizesMrs. Rav E. Oplinger
Memorial	Claude Eckert
Badge	Audrey Oplinger
	Shirley Oplinger
Program ..	Elwood E. Oplinger
	Mrs. Wm. H. Rinkenbach
	Monument Wm. H. Rinkenbach
	MusicMrs. Claire VanHorn
	PianistsMrs. Laura Kraemer
	Miss Jennie Becker
Photographer:	Ervin E. Oplinger, 632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.



RAYMOND EARL OPLINGER

A family organization may be likened to an arch; and one of the sturdy, supporting stones in its structure was the late Raymond E. Oplinger.

Born April 11, 1896 at Danielsville, Pa. the son of Jeremiah D. and the late Gertrude (Oplinger) Oplinger; a great-great-grandson of both Johanes and Daniel Oblinger, two of the sons of Isaac Oblinger. He married Alverna B. Slack in 1942 and died in Allentown, Pa. on March 4, 1956, being survived by his wife and father.

After learning the trade of printer, he was employed in the clothing industry, food manufacturing and sales, and machine shop operation. He was a member of the New Salem Evangelical Congregational Church at Danielsville, Greenleaf Masonic Lodge, Rajah Shrine and Lehigh Consistory.

From the early days of the reunion, he served faithfully, first as Registration Clerk, then for many years as our official "badge seller," his wife cooperating after their marriage.

With deep regret we mark his departure. With respect we salute his memory.

The deaths of ex-president Thomas A. Oplinger, 84, Nov. 13, 1955, and of Associate Historian, John D. Watkins, 85, Aug. 7, 1956, are also noted with much sorrow. We miss their loyal aid and annual attendance.

Mr. Oplinger was one of our original officers in 1914 as vice-president; later as our president 1919-23 and in 1934.

Mr. Watkins was an indefatigable historian for 22 years. He compiled a complete family history, illustrated with many photos, and which is now a part of the Wilkes-Barre Public Library.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

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

Opening SongsUse Reunion Song Sheet

Opening Prayer

Words of WelcomeElwood E. Oplinger, President

Personal Greetings from our Family Circle

Family History NewsWm. H. Rinkenbach, Historian

Awarding of Seven Prizes

Oldest Man Present

Oldest Woman Present

Youngest Relative Present

Coming Longest Distance

Longest Married Couple

Most Recently Married Couple

Largest Family Present

Collection(entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Remarks and AnnouncementsPresident-Elect

Awarding of Badge PrizeMrs. Ruth Rinkenbach

Roll Call and Moments of MemoryArthur J. G. Oplinger

Closing Song, Prayer and Benediction

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A 25c FREE TREAT after program for all relatives and their guests, age 14 and under. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform to receive their quarter from Rec. Sec'y Claude Eckert.