

Richard John Oplinger, Bath, Pa.	Feb. 16, 1956
Harry S. Kistler, 69, Slatington, Pa.	May 22, 1957
E. Frank Oplinger, 88, Arona, Pa.	June 28, 1957
John Bender, Greensburg, Pa.	1957

PLEASE, all relatives, report all family deaths promptly to our historian for this listing and our records. Give full name of deceased, age, last address and full date of death. If possible attach newspaper obituary.

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Corresponding Secretary Emerson Weiss is anxious to know of any relatives not receiving our annual notices, or, notices which are incorrectly addressed due to change of name or residence. He has card file in Park and will gladly check with you at front seat of the theatre right after the afternoon program.

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The Ohio Oblingers meet tomorrow, August 25, at Derling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

1724—233 Years in America—1957

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Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

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PresidentElwood E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.
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Allentown, R. D. 60, Pa.

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Elwood E. Oplinger, Chairman
Mrs. Laura Kraemer
Newton Oplinger

Jeremiah D. Oplinger
Mrs. Tilghman Easterday
Miss Tessie Oplinger

Barton J. Oplinger

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Reception	Arthur J. G. Oplinger	Prizes	Mrs. Ray E. Oplinger
Memorial	Claude Eckert		Mrs. Wm. H. Rinkenbach
Badge	Audrey Oplinger	Monument	Wm. H. Rinkenbach
	Shirley Oplinger	Music	Mrs. Claire VanHorn
Program	Elwood E. Oplinger	Pianists	Mrs. Laura Kraemer
Nominating	Barton J. Oplinger		Miss Jennie Becker
Photographer:	Ervin E. Oplinger,		632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.

In Loving Memoriam

JOHN D. WATKINS

1871 - 1956

Among those who have contributed most to the Oplinger Family organization and perpetuation is John D. Watkins, who for many years served as a very faithful historian of the family and an officer of the Reunion. His work culminated in a voluminous typescript history notable for its detailed original family history and photographs. It is now deposited with the Luzerne County Historical Society, in the public library at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Years of assiduous work and travel went into its preparation; and his labor of love, entirely developed at his own expense, should be recognized for its true worth.

A member of the first Luzerne County branch of the family, John D. Watkins was descended through Nicholas, George, Reuben B., and Anna Laura Oplinger, being a great-great-great grandson of our progenitor, Claus Oblinger.

An expert auto mechanic, auto driver and astute business man, John D. Watkins was much travelled, nationally and abroad. Later he was in the gasoline service station business in New Jersey. Prior to his death he resided at Rumson, N. J.

To Mr. Watkins genealogy was an absorption; one that yielded large dividends to others. In recognition of the part he played in our family, we salute his memory with praise and honor. Ave et vale!

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We sincerely regret that no suitable late photo of Mr. Watkins was available to us in time for this printing. Any relative having a photo suitable for reproduction will do us a favor to supply such to our Historian for possible later use and to keep in our historical photograph file.

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AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:30 o'clock

ConcertFloyd Oplinger Orchestra

2 o'clock

Opening SongsUse Reunion Song Sheet

Opening Prayer

Words of WelcomeElwood E. Oplinger, President

Personal Greetings and Letters from Relatives

Vocal Selection.....Person Daughters

Latest Family History NewsWm. H. Rinkenbach, Historian

Awarding of Seven Prizes

Oldest Man Present

Longest Married Couple

Oldest Woman Present

Most Recently Married Couple

Youngest Baby Present

Largest Family Present

Coming Longest Distance

Collection(entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

SelectionFloyd Oplinger Orchestra

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Remarks and AnnouncementsPresident-Elect

Awarding of Badge PrizeMrs. Ruth Rinkenbach

Memorial Roll CallWarren G. Hangen

Closing Song

Prayer and BenedictionRev. Ralph T. Bailly

SelectionFloyd Oplinger Orchestra

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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.