IN MEMORIAM

| Howard H. Bartholomew, 66, Bath, PaAug. 31, 1956 |
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| Arthur E. Williams, 44, Reading, PaOct. 9, 1957 |
| Joseph G. Oplinger, 26, Hellertown, PaFeb. 9, 1958 |
| Walter A. Genszler, Emmaus, PaMar. 28, 1958 |
| Rhonda K. Oplinger, 6 mo., Fullerton, PaApr. 4, 1958 |
| Mrs. Cora Bossart Carr, 82, Wilkinsburg, PaApr. 6, 1958 |
| Adam A. Oplinger, 86, Pennsville, PaApr. 12, 1958 |

PLEASE report all dates of births, marriages and deaths promptly to Historian to keep our records accurate and complete for your benefit. On deaths give full name of deceased, age, last address and full date of death.

NEXT YEAR — OUR 45TH REUNION

The Executive Committee is already planning for an extra special reunion next year-our 45th.

Next year you can expect special guests, special historical items. special program features, an especially large attendance with delegations from the other three reunions, YOU and YOUR FAMILY will not want to miss it! Plan now to be present and participate. It will be the reunion event of a lifetime. The date: August 22, 1959. The place: Edgemont Park.

FOUR FAMILY REUNIONS

Our family continues to meet in four annual reunions. If you have never visited some of the other gatherings plan to do so in 1959, the Oblingers 235th Year in America.

The Uplinger-Whitesel clan met July 19 at Clear Creek State Park, near Sigel, Jefferson County. About 80 persons attended.

The Wyoming Valley Oplingers met August 3 at Rummage Park. near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa., with about 125 relatives present.

The Ohio Oblingers met August 10 at Derling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio. No report has been received from this branch.

The Uberlinger Family heraldic crest, printed on your badge, is registered on the rolls of the "Zur Katze" Society in Constance, Switzerland, 1547. The shield of red, white, and blue, is surmounted by a helm, topped by head of a white greyhound with red and blue mantle.

Forty-fourth Annual Reunion

Oplinger Family

In America Since 1724

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1958 Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

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Prizes Mrs. Wm. H. Rinkenbach Mrs. Elwood E. Oplinger Monument Wm. H. Rinkenbach MusicMiss Lena Kistler PianistsMrs. Mary Ann Hall Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz Photographer: Ervin E. Oplinger, 632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.



THE OLD HOMESTEAD

No trace has been found of the legendary stockaded log house of Nicholas Oblinger, along the Lehigh River, Lehigh Gap, Pa., on land deeded to him by Colonial Government at Philadelphia, June 12, 1751. Tradition places it at present location of Craig's Inn, the rear of which is said to contain part of the original log house and old stone kitchen.

The above picture, taken 1915, is the only picture of the earliest ancestoral home found to date. It is that of Nicholas' oldest son, Isaac (1741-1813), Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pa., on the outskirts of Danielsville, along present tracks of Lehigh and New England Railroad, and only accessible across tracks or fields. Men are: (left) Reuben R. Oplinger, first president, and (right) William H. Oplinger, third president, both of Danielsville, who in May 1914 conceived the idea of having a family reunion.

Built about 1785, when Issac Oblinger was warranted 60 acres of land, adjoining farm of brother, Samuel, this two story log house was his home for the remainder of his life. Legend states that Nicholas spent his last days here. In this house Isaac's three sons and two daughters grew up; and after his death the house was occupied by his widow, Susanna, and son, Daniel (1790-1851).

Last photo taken 1951 shows the Old Homestead badly disintegrated and nearly gone but not forgotten. On its obscure crumbling foundation and cornerstone there rests the still growing structure of a vigorous early American family now spread into almost all of the states of the United States, and Canada and foreign lands.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2 O'clock

| Opening SongsLena Kistler, directing Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz, at piano |
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| Opening PrayerRev. Ralph T. Baily |
| Words of WelcomeElwood E. Oplinger, President |
| Accordion SelectionBorger Brothers |
| Personal Greetings and Letters from Relatives |
| Vocal SelectionMiss Kathleen Baily |
| Visiting the Uplingers and OplingersArthur and Elwood Oplinger |
| Latest Family History NewsWm. H. Rinkenbach, Historian |
| TALENT TIME: Relatives perform their favorite musical and vocal selections. |
| Awarding of Seven Prizes Oldest Man Present Oldest Woman Present Youngest Baby Present Coming Longest Distance Longest Married Couple Most Recently Married Couple Largest Family Present |
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A 25c FREE TREAT after program to all relatives and their guests, age 14 and under. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform to receive their quarter from Secretary Claude C. Eckert.