

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. James H. S. Bossard, 58, Wynnewood, Pa.Dec. 27, 1958
Mrs. James Oplinger, Ashley, Pa.March 23, 1959
Mrs. Jeremiah K. Hower, 74, Danielsville, Pa.March 28, 1959
Mrs. Stewart Weiss, 76, Nazareth, Pa.July 13, 1959

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FOUR FAMILY REUNIONS

The Oblingers-Uplingers-Oplingers continue to meet in four annual reunions. If you have not visited some of the other gatherings plan to do so in 1960.

The Uplinger-Whitesel clan met July 18 at Clear Creek State Park, near Sigel, Jefferson County, Pa.

The Wyoming Valley Oplingers met August 1 at Rummage Park, near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa.

The Ohio Oblingers met August 9 at Durling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reception	Arthur J. G. Oplinger	Prizes	Mrs. Wm. H. Rinkenbach
Memorial	Claude C. Eckert		Mrs. Elwood E. Oplinger
Badge	Audrey Oplinger	Monument	Wm. H. Rinkenbach
	Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz	Music	Miss Lena Kistler
Program	Elwood E. Oplinger	Pianists	Mrs. Mary Ann Hall
Nominating	J. D. Oplinger		Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz
Photographer	Ervin E. Oplinger, 632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.		

45th - Sapphire - Reunion Oplinger Family

235 Years in America

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1959

Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.



LEST WE FORGET

This picture shows the tombstone of Isaac Oblinger in the Indianland Church graveyard at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., off highway 45.

His brothers, Samuel and Nicholas, died in 1784 and 1814 and were buried at the same place, but no tombstones have been found. Their parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Meier Oblinger, also must have been buried at Indianland; but their graves are unmarked.

The three brothers were the first of the family born in America.

As the brothers and their father were pioneers and patriots to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude, some action should be taken to preserve their memories and mark their resting places for posterity.

Several years ago we projected the placing of a historical bronze plaque at Lehigh Gap in honor of the father, Nicholas, who settled there in 1751. Such a memorial now does not appear practicable.

Our Association officers recommend that more fitting would be the erection in the Indianland graveyard of a memorial stone honoring Nicholas, his wife, and their three sons. It is suggested that this bear the following inscription:

Zum Andenken

Nicholas Oblinger, ca.1712 — ca.1785

his wife

Elizabeth Meier, ca.1715 —

and their sons

Isaac 1741 — 1813

Samuel 1742 — 1784

Nicholas ca.1745 — 1814

American Soldiers in the Revolutionary War

Erected by the Oplinger Family Association

1960

The proposed stone could be a simple design, rough-hewn granite that would last for centuries to come and memorialize the family as well as its founders.

Such a memorial will cost more than the plaque originally projected; but the cost can be kept small enough to be practical if the members of the family unite in its underwriting. In these days of organized solicitation, when all are expected to donate to public and community services, cannot we adequately support such a worthy family project that should bring personal pride and pleasure to each member of the family?

The Association officers will not proceed with this project without your approval and support. At today's business session you will be asked to demonstrate these, first, by authorizing your officers to proceed, and then pledging or giving to this Memorial Fund as generously as your ability and interest permit.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2 O'clock

Opening SongsLena Kistler, directing

Words of WelcomeElwood E. Oplinger, President

Opening Prayer

Personal Greetings and Letters from Relatives

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 for cash prizes by applause.

Awarding of Seven Merchandise Prizes

1 Oldest Man Present 5 Longest Married Couple

2 Oldest Woman Present 6 Most Recently Married Couple

3 Youngest Baby Present 7 Largest Family Present

4 Coming Longest Distance

"The Nineteen Fourteeners" stand and sing.

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Indianland Memorial Project

Remarks and AnnouncementsPresident-Elect

Collection(entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Awarding of \$10.00 Cash Badge Prize

Awarding Special \$5.00 Cash Prize for Oplinger nearest age 45.

Memorial Roll CallVice President Delbert Oplinger

Closing SongsLena Kistler, directing

Prayer and Benediction

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A 25c FREE TREAT after program to all relatives and their guests, age 16 and under. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform to receive their quarter from Secretary Claude C. Eckert.