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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elwood E. Oplinger, Chairman	Jeremiah D. Oplinger
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Newton Oplinger	Mrs. Mildred Krasley

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reception Arthur J. G. Oplinger	Prizes Mrs. Wm. H. Rinkenbach
Memorial ....Wm. H. Rinkenbach	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 .....Mildred Krasley	Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz
Photographer: Ervin E. Oplinger, 632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.	

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## FOUR FAMILY GATHERINGS

The Oblingers-Uplingers-Oplingers meet in four annual reunions. If you have not visited some of the others plan to do so in 1961.

The Uplinger-Whitesel clan met July 16 at Alcola Park, Alcola, Jefferson County, Pa.

The Wyoming Valley Oplingers met August 6 at Rummage Park, near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa.

The Oblingers met August 14 at Durling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

## FORTY-SIXTH REUNION

# Oplinger Family

236 Years in America

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1960

Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.

*This is to Certify that Samuel Uplinger  
and Henry Davis severling of Capt.  
Henry Bowmans company of the forth  
Classe of Northampton militia Commanded  
by Col. Siegfried have served out their  
two months in Service*

*John Peston  
Camp in Whitemarsh, Nov. 21, 1777*

*Permit the above ment'd to pass to  
Towamensing Township Northampton County  
unmolested*

*To whom it  
may concern*

*By order of Genl Irvin  
Moses Young*

## JUST A PIECE OF PAPER

The collection of early family papers in the possession of the Oplinger family historian includes the Revolutionary War pass given to Samuel Oblinger that is on display in the Park and reproduced above. This 183 years old relic raises the question as to what parts were played in that struggle by the three sons of Nicholas Oblinger. It appears that the father, too old



for active service, took the oath of allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania and therefore was a Revolutionary patriot.

The son, Isaac, took the oath of allegiance and served as a private in the Northampton County militia from 1778, if not earlier, to 1783. As he was already married and had a family when the war broke out, it is probable that this service was intermittent.

The son, Samuel, who is recorded to have had brown hair and eyes, a long face, and but five feet, four inches tall, had been a Ranger on the Frontier in the War of 1763. In the Revolutionary War he took the oath of allegiance, was a private in the militia, a Ranger on the Frontier, and a soldier of the Continental Line. He died a year after the end of the War.

The son, Nicholas, in 1776 was a private in the Flying Camp of 10,000 men raised for the new Army. He also took the oath of allegiance, was a private in the militia, a Ranger on the Frontier, and is listed as a soldier of the Continental Line. Since his Ranger service was as a substitute for another person, he evidently had no aversion to being a soldier!

The above facts are recorded in the official Pennsylvania Archives. It is strange that no stories of these military adventures were handed down verbally, or otherwise, in the family. As the father and grandfather of the three brothers had come to Pennsylvania to escape war and oppression, it is probable that—with the war past—they dismissed it from their minds and turned their thoughts to the New Future which their efforts had helped to create.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Stephen J. Siessmayer, 56, Allentown, Pa. ....Sept. 21, 1959  
C. Glenn Uplinger, 75, New Kensington, Pa. ....Jan. 19, 1960  
Dr. Jas. H. S. Bossard, 71, Wynnewood, Pa. ....Jan. 29, 1960  
Mrs. Alice Delp, 95, Danielsville, Pa., R.D. 1 ....March 11, 1960  
Arthur Heffelfinger, 82, Walnutport, Pa., R.D. 2 ....July 4, 1960

Date of death, age, and residence at time of death should promptly be reported to Historian for noting in family history and inclusion in this annual listing of all deaths of four reunions.

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2 O'clock

Opening Songs .....Lena Kistler, directing

Words of Welcome .....Arthur J. G. Oplinger, Vice President

Opening Prayer

Personal Greetings from Relatives and Friends

Latest Family History .....Wm. H. Rinkenbach, Historian

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	

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion  
Nominating Committee Report  
Election of Officers  
Indianland Memorial Monument Project

Remarks and Announcements .....President-Elect

Collection .....(entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Awarding of 10.00 cash Badge Prize

Memorial Roll Call .....Vice President Tessie M. Oplinger

Closing Songs .....Lena Kistler, directing

Prayer and Benediction

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A 25¢ 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.

PEANUT SCRAMBLE and GAMES immediately after program for young people and adults. Guess the number of marbles in the jar. Prizes for winners. In charge of Lena Kistler, Ruth Rinkenbach and Ervin Oplinger.