

## OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elwood E. Oplinger, Chairman	Jeremiah D. Oplinger
Miss Lena Kistler	Mrs. Tilghman Easterday
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 .... Delbert Oplinger	Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz
Photographer: Ervin E. Oplinger, 632 N. Howard St., Allentown, Pa.	

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## FOUR ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERINGS

The Uplinger-Whitesel clan met July 15 at Clear Creek Park, Jefferson County, Pa., with some 50 in attendance.

The Wyoming Valley Oplingers met August 5 at Rummage Park, near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa.

The Oplingers met August 13 at Durling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

# Oplinger Family

OBLINGER — UPLINGER — OPLINGER

47th Reunion — 237 Years in America

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1961**

**Edgemont Park — Harpers, Pa.**



## THE UNVEILING, 12:30 P.M.

Our Memorial .....	William H. Rinkenbach
The Unveiling .....	James Uplinger
A Memorial Tribute .....	Elwood E. Oplinger, President
Seconds of Silence .....	
The Prayer of Dedication .....	Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger
Adjournment to Edgemont Park Theatre	



JAMES UPLINGER

In dedicating a memorial it is customary to have a young person perform the unveiling. When the memorial is of a family nature, special considerations are involved in selecting such a person.

Although often unrecognized in this country, each family has a titular head—the oldest living son of the oldest son of the oldest son, etc., of the progenitor—corresponding to the head of a Scottish clan. The oldest son of the titular head of the family therefore would be the most appropriate young person to unveil a family memorial.



Our historian finds that Roy Uplinger, Reynoldsville, R. D. No. 3, Pa., the 5-great-grandson of Claus Oblinger, is the titular head of the Oblinger-Uplinger-Oplinger family. He is the president of the Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, reunion. He and his wife, Elsie (Dickey), have one son, James Uplinger.

Roy Uplinger, wife and son are with us today and James Uplinger was selected by the Executive Committee to unveil the Memorial Monument. His selection and attendance exemplify the far-reaching bonds of our family based on common origin and interest.

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### OUR MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

At last, in our 237th year in America, our family has accomplished a visible memorial project which was unveiled today at the Indianland Church graveyard, near Cherryville, Pa.

Erected by the local branch of our family association, with the financial assistance of the other three branches, this memorial provides a concrete common interest for the four family branches that will endure beyond the fleeting lifetime of concerned relatives. Its very existence provides a bench mark for future reckonings of family relationships and a focus for the common interest of our nationwide scattered family.

But the dedication of this monument is not primarily for our own gratification or benefit, or that of future generations. It is, instead, a tribute to, and an acknowledgement of, the debt to our nearly-forgotten forefathers. Obscure and handicapped in many ways, they nevertheless contributed much to the economic and political development of our country; and then sank into near-oblivion leaving only us, their descendants, as almost the only tangible evidence that they had existed.

By this memorial monument we rescue them from the general oblivion of the past and pay loving tribute to their eternal sterling worth. They had neither fame nor riches; but they bequeathed to us a heritage of ancestry which affords us a justifiable pride and to which we acknowledge our indebtedness. In imperishable granite stone this is written for the centuries to come to witness and remember, and for us to cherish and exemplify as worthy pioneers of our day and of the future, of family and country.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Zimmerman, 1 month, Hokendauqua, Pa. .... January 18, 1961  
 Thomas O. Minnich, 78, Phillipsburg, N. J. .... June 29, 1961  
 Carl S. Flexer, 57, Allentown, Pa. .... August 5, 1961  
 Warren Engle, 40, Allentown, Pa. .... August 5, 1961  
 Phillip Uplinger, 74, Reynoldsville, R. 3, Pa. .... 1961  
 Clarence Uplinger, 74, Reynoldsville, R. 3, Pa. .... 1961

### AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2:30 o'clock

Opening Song ..... Lena Kistler, directing  
 Words of Welcome ..... Miss Tessie M. Oplinger, Vice President  
 Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger  
 Greetings from Official Representatives of Ohio, Jefferson County and Wyoming Valley Reunions  
 Address ..... The Rev. Robert N. Taylor, Jr., Chaplain  
 Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

#### 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  
 Delbert Oplinger, Chairman  
 Election of Officers  
 Indianland Memorial Monument Project

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

#### Awarding of two Badge Prizes

Remarks and Announcements ..... President-Elect  
 Memorial Roll Call ..... Emerson A. Weiss, Corr. Secy.  
 Closing Songs ..... Lena Kistler, directing  
 Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. Ralph T. Bailly

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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. Prizes for winners. Committee: Lena Kistler, Ruth Rinkenbach, Mrs. Emerson Weiss, Tessie Oplinger, and Ervin Oplinger.