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FOUR ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERINGS

The Uplinger-Whitesel clan met July 14 at Clear Creek Park, Jefferson County, Pa., with some 50 in attendance.

The Wyoming Valley branch met August 4 at Rummage Park, near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa.

The Ohio folks met August 12 at Durling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Oplinger Family

OBLINGER — UPLINGER — OPLINGER

48th Reunion — 238 Years in America

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1962

Edgemont Park — Harpers, Pa.



THE PORTRAIT OF C. OBLINGER

In 1827 Joseph T. Moore painted a portrait and on the back of it printed: "J. T. Moore, Pinxt. 1827. C. Oblinger at age 35." In 1928 it was rescued from burning by a storage house in Omaha, Nebraska, and was bought by Mrs. William Oblinger Lennemann of Orleans, Nebraska, who now owns it.

C. Oblinger was Christian (17), (ca.1792-1830), son of John Oblinger (6), and a great-grandson of Claus Oblinger. A portrait of his wife was painted by the same artist, but its whereabouts is unknown.

As this portrait preceded photography, when portraits were few and far between, it is of historical significance as well as of considerable art value. Moore was an artist of recognized standing in American painting.

Undoubtedly this is the oldest Oblinger picture that will ever be found; and the discovery and preservation of it is a very gratifying incident in the history of our family.

Through the kindness of Mrs. William Lennemann we can show you a colored reproduction of this portrait at the picnic pavilion and also a black and white copy on this page.

CLAUS OBLINGER GRAVE LOCATED!

After years of searching, the grave of our common American ancestor, Claus Oblinger, was found May 19, 1962 by President Elwood Oplinger and Historian William H. Rinkenbach. This was by the co-operation of Mr. Waldo Ziegler, caretaker of the Harley Cemetery and Klein Bretheran Meetinghouse, just off highway 113 between Harleysville and Franconia, Montgomery County, Pa.

History records that Claus located on a farm at this place and when he died in 1730 he was buried on his farm. After him a Mr. Harley owned the farm and he, too, was buried there. Then it became known as the Harley Cemetery. Later a Mr. Klein owned the same farm and donated some land for a meetinghouse. Now the place became known as the Klein Bretheran Meetinghouse and the Harley Cemetery.

Claus Oblinger's grave is now marked with a small brown field stone and the barely distinguishable letters "C O" as the photograph shows. To properly honor our early forefather and mark his grave for future generations the Executive Committee on June 30, 1962 authorized the Memorial Committee to design and plan to erect in 1963 a suitable historic marker at cost of approximately \$175.00.



A granite stone with the following inscription is planned:

DER VORFAHR CLAUS OBLINGER

ca.1685—1730

A German Baptist refugee,
he emigrated in 1724 with
wife Elizabeth and five chil-
dren from Schwartzenu,
Kreis Wittgenstein, Hesse.

Claus Oblinger is the ancestor of Oblinger, Uplinger and Oplinger descendants and this marker merits the financial support of all branches of the Family.

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IN MEMORIAM

Duane Painter, 38, Punxsatwny, Pa. August 17, 1961
 Infant son of Carl Uplinger, R. 4, Brookville, Pa. October, 1961
 Rev. James S. Coleman, 89, Anita, Pa. December 11, 1961
 Mrs. James S. Coleman, 86, Anita, Pa. April 19, 1962
 Claude A. Fritz, 78, Lehigh, Pa. December 2, 1961
 Mrs. Carrie M. Fritz, 77, Lehigh, Pa. February 17, 1962
 Mrs. Meta S. Buck, 84, Reading, Pa. February 14, 1962
 Samuel Lewis Oblinger, 84, Minnesota January 9, 1962
 Francis S. Oplinger, 83, Pennsville, Pa. April 10, 1962
 Mrs. Arthur J. G. Oplinger, 65, Hellertown, Pa. May 3, 1962
 Randall R. Frisch, 6, No. Catasauqua, Pa. May 7, 1962
 Nevin O. Werkheiser, Jr., 20, Danielsville, Pa. June 18, 1962
 Mrs. Samuel A. Oplinger, 61, R. 2, Nazareth, Pa. June 27, 1962

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:30 o'clock

SPORTS and GAMES for young people and adults. Prizes for winners.
 Committee: Lena Kistler, Mrs. Emerson Weiss, and Ervin Oplinger.

2:30 o'clock

Opening Songs Lena Kistler, directing

Words of Welcome Elwood E. Oplinger, President

Opening Prayer

Greetings from Ohio, Jefferson County and Wyoming Valley Reunions

The Oblingers in Nebraska Wm. H. Rinkenbach

The Claus Oblinger Grave Elwood E. Oplinger

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Donald S. Oplinger, Chairman

Election of Officers

Memorial Marker Project

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	

Collection (entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Awarding of two Badge Cash Prizes

Remarks and Announcements President-Elect

Memorial Roll Call Mrs. Mildred Krasley

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.

MALE DESCENDANTS OF CLAUS OBLINGER, ca. 1685-1730

1. Nicholas Oblinger, ca. 1712 - ca. 1785; m. Elizabeth Meyer, ca. 1715 -
3. Isaac Oblinger, 1741-1813; m. Susanna , ca. 1750 - ca. 1831
 7. Jacob Uplinger, 1772/3-1851; m. Barbara Reeder, 1780-1870
 20. John, 1800-1865; m.
 21. Daniel, 1814-1899; m. (1) Martha Hartman, (2) Sarah Cogley, 1837-1924
 22. Jacob, 1824-1909; m. Martha Ann Rupert, 1829-1914
8. Johannes Oblinger, 1777-1851; m. Anna Huhler, 1790-1881
 23. Daniel Oplinger, 1817-1901; m. Lovina Seip, 1820-1913
9. Daniel Oblinger, 1790-1851; m. Susanna Walb, 1793-1865
 24. Samuel Oplinger, 1814-1893; m. (1) Catharina Reph, 1815-1873
(2) Elizabeth Eckert, 1829-1906
 25. James Oplinger, 1817-1898; m. (1) Susanna Bieche, 1819-1849
(2) Susanna Easterday, 1827-1904
 26. Elias Oplinger, 1820-1906; m. (1) Hannah Anthony, 1827-1862
(2) Elizabeth Becker, 1834-1912
 27. Paul Oplinger, 1821-1900; m. Catharina Bieche
 28. Thomas Oplinger, 1824-1901; m. Lena Fenstermacher, 1827-1890
 29. Joseph Oplinger, 1830-1907; m. Phebe Marsh, 1831-1919
 30. Charles Oplinger, 1834-1862; m. Selma Rödlein
4. Samuel Oblinger, 1742-1784; m. Anna Elizabeth , 1749-1829
 10. John Henry Oblinger, 1775-1852; m. Elizabeth , 1776-1843
 31. Samuel Uplinger, -1875; m.
 32. Daniel Oblinger, 1807-1890; m. Catharina Drasher, 1817-1898
 33. Conrad Uplinger, m. Magdalena Hull
 34. John Uplinger, 1819-1893; m. Elizabeth R. Wood, 1823-1897
5. Nicholas Oblinger, ca. 1745-1814; m.
 11. Peter Oblinger, ca. 1787- ; m. Elizabeth Lynn, 1787/8-1866
 35. Samuel Oplinger, 1817-1912; m. Elizabeth Fogel, 1825-1896
 36. Peter Oplinger, 1822-1905; m. Sarah Becker, 1826-1905
 37. Jacob Oplinger, ; m. Heckman
 38. John Oplinger, ca. 1837-1884; m. Sabilla Wagner, 1839-1934
 12. George Oblinger, 1791-1868; m. (1) Frederica Rice, (2) Lavina Rhodes
 39. Reuben B. Oplinger, 1817-1902; m. Eleanor Worden, 1816-1899
 40. Aaron Oplinger, 1818-1870; m. Catharina Close, 1825-1907
 41. Henry Oplinger, 1820-1900; m. Elizabeth Yale, 1830-
 42. Nathan Oplinger, 1822-1898; m. Sabina Dieter, 1823-1894
 43. Peter Oplinger, 1827-1861; m. Johana Dickson
 44. Benjamin F. Oplinger, 1818-1909; m. Mary E. Hays, -1872
(2) Sarah M. Myers, -1928
 45. Adam Oplinger, ca. 1830-1890; m. Anna Hines, ca. 1830-1897
 46. George Oplinger, ; m. Malinda St. Clair
 47. James Oplinger, ; m. Kate Miller
 48. Winthrop Oplinger, 1842-1918; m. Mary St. Clair
13. Francis Oblinger, ca. 1804-1854; m. Catharina , 1803-1854
 49. Granton Oblinger, ; m. Elizabeth Raceley
 50. John Oblinger, 1837-1854
 51. Peter Oblinger
2. Christian Oblinger, ca. 1714-1798; m. Barbara , ca. 1730-1803
 6. John Oblinger, 1756-1846; m. (1) Eleanora , (2) Susanna Carl, 1786-
 14. John, ca. 1778- ; m.
 15. David
 16. Amos, 1784/5-1861; m. Elisabeth Mason
 17. Christian, ca. 1792-1830; m.
 18. Gabriel, 1800-1879; m. (1) Esther Zook, 1817-1855; (2) Frances Long, 1832-1885
 19. Jonathan, 1825-1889; m. Frances

YOUR NAME AND GENEALOGY

Two questions most frequently asked by family members are:

Why is the family name spelled in three ways?

What is my line of descent — to what branch do I belong?

With the aid of the condensed genealogical chart, the answers to these questions will be given on a geographical basis.

The progenitor — Claus Oblinger — spelled the name in this manner, which must be considered the original form. Between 1547 and 1724, when he arrived at Philadelphia, it probably changed from Überlinger to Oberlinger to Oblinger. The changes from Oblinger to Oplinger and Uplinger are ascribable to legal errors, environmental pressures and lack of resistance by the individuals concerned.

A complete line of descent can be obtained from the historian; but the following and the chart may suffice your curiosity.

Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pa. — Descended chiefly from Johannes (8), Daniel (9), and Peter (11).

Luzerne County, Pa. — There are two main branches in this county. John Henry Oblinger (10) settled in Butler Twp., in the southern part, after 1803. The descendants of his sons Samuel (31), Conrad (33) and John (34) spell the name Uplinger; but those of his son Daniel (32) spell it Oplinger. Second branch, founded about 1825 near Wilkes-Barre by George Oblinger (12), spell the name Oplinger.

Bucks County, Pa. — These Oblingers are descendants of Francis Oblinger (13) through Granton (49) and live around New Hope, Pa.

Armstrong County, Pa. — Jacob (7), son of Isaac Oblinger (3), moved to Armstrong County about 1820. When he died in 1851 his name was spelled Uplinger; and his descendants spell it in that manner. The descendants are chiefly those of Daniel (21) and Jacob (22).

Jefferson County, Pa. — These Uplingers are chiefly descendants of John (20), who moved there from Armstrong County.

Westmoreland County, Pa. — The Oplingers of this county are descended from Aaron (40), who settled there.

Huntingdon County, Pa. — Descendants of Henry (41).

N. E. Ohio — In 1849 Nathan Oplinger (42) settled in Wadsworth, Medina County, and many of his descendants live in that region.

S. W. Ohio — John Oblinger (6) settled in Montgomery County, near Dayton, and many Oblingers are to be found in that region.

N. W. Indiana — Ezra Oplinger (1841-1926), son of Reuben B. (39), settled near Burket and some descendants are in Starke County.

Kansas. — Martin and David E. Oplinger, sons of James (25), settled in Jewell County. Their descendants live there and in adjacent Mitchell County. John Uplinger (1845-1926), son of John (34), settled at St. Francis, Cheyenne County, and left descendants.

Illinois. — John Uplinger (34) settled at Kingston, and some of his descendants are in that region.

Nebraska. — Conrad Uplinger (33) settled in Gage County. Franklin G. Uplinger, a grandson of John (34), lived at Wymore. William N. Oblinger (1860—), a grandson of John (6), lived at Omaha and has descendants there. Uriah W. Oblinger (1842-1901), a great-grandson of John (6), settled near Danbury and had numerous descendants.

Minnesota. — Abbia Nathan (1849-1905), another great-grandson of John (6), settled at Waverly, Minn. and has descendants there.

More recent family members are to be found in Missouri, California, Georgia, etc. The Oblinger-Oplinger-Uplinger clan marches on.