

OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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MemorialWm. H. Rinkenbach	MusicMiss Lena Kistler
BadgeTessie M. Oplinger	PianistsMrs. Mary Ann Hall
ProgramElwood E. Oplinger	Mrs. Donald A. Kuntz
Photographer ..Ervin E. Oplinger	

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FOUR ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERINGS

The Uplinger clan met July 20 at Cedar Creek Park, Jefferson County, Pa., with some 35 in attendance.
 The Wyoming Valley branch met August 3 at Rummage Park, near Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County, Pa., with about 75 present.
 The Ohio folks met August 11 at Durling Park, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Oplinger Family

OBLINGER — UPLINGER — OPLINGER

49th Reunion — 239 Years in America

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1963

Edgemont Park — Harpers, Pa.



THE DEDICATION

On Sunday, July 14th, there was dedicated the above memorial marker to our progenitor, Claus Oblinger. This is in the Harley burying ground adjacent to the Klein Bretheren Meeting House (Dunkard) between Harleysville and Souderton. The dedication, which followed the 31st annual memorial service of the congregation, was held indoors because of bad weather.

The unostentatious memorial stone, in keeping with its setting, was dedicated in a simple manner. Following an invocation by Elder Joseph Moyer, Historian Wm. H. Rinkenbach gave an historical and interpretative address. President Elwood E. Oplinger delivered the dedicatory address, and this was followed by a prayer of dedication and the benediction by Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger.

Despite the weather, the ceremony was attended by some relatives from a distance. The Delbert Oplingers from Pittsburgh and the Francis Shaughnessys from Tunkhannock came the furthest.

This culmination of our memorial projects, undertaken some years ago, should be a source of pride to every member of the family. By the two memorials now erected we not only honor our forefathers, but give visible expression of our debt to the pioneers who, by toil and sacrifice, laid the foundation of the civic dwelling in which we now live.

Your officers express their appreciation of your moral and financial support in erecting these memorials to our common origin.

THE FAMILY IN 1763, 1813 AND 1863

Each year we note the events in our family history of which it represents a bicentennial, a sesquicentennial or a centennial. For 1963 we find:

In 1763 Samuel Oblinger, grandson of Claus, was a private in the Rangers on the frontier in Pontiac's War.

In 1813 Daniel Oblinger (1790-1851), Joh. Henry Oblinger (1775-1852), Peter Oblinger (ca.1787-) and George Oplinger (1791-1868) were privates in the War of 1812. In this year Isaac Oblinger, head of the senior branch of the family, died near Danielsville.

In 1863 Granton Oblinger (-1868) was a soldier in the Civil War. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Probably other members of the family were in this war, but the records are not complete.

NEXT YEAR — THE GOLDEN REUNION!

Next August is time for our FIFTIETH — the GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Reunion!

Next August 22, 1964 is the time for the really BIG, Grand and Glorious Reunion of all the Oblingers, Uplingers and Oplingers with an extra great and special program. The Executive Committee is already planning for it.

Next year it is 240 years since Claus Oblinger landed at Philadelphia, Pa.

NEXT YEAR is the reunion every Oblinger descendant and relation should now plan to attend to be a part of this historic date and help to celebrate.

Mark the date in your little red book, in the farmer's almanac, on the kitchen calendar, NOW — AUGUST 22, 1964 — and make your plans to ATTEND the GOLDEN REUNION!

IN MEMORIAM

Robert N. Taylor, 63, Hellertown, Pa. August 19, 1962
 John Shaw, 75, Greensburg, Pa. October 12, 1962
 Mrs. Mabel Uplinger, Reynoldsville, R. 3, Pa. November 10, 1962
 Mrs. Alice Mack, 85, Palmerton, Pa. November 12, 1962
 Mrs. Charles A. Oplinger, 78, Northampton, Pa. February 23, 1963
 Mrs. Hattie M. Oplinger, 83, Allentown, Pa. March 18, 1963
 Mrs. Newton Oplinger, 69, Northampton, R. 1, Pa. April 15, 1963
 Mrs. H. Frank Uplinger, 78, Reynoldsville, R. 3, Pa. May 4, 1963

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:00 o'clock

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

2:00 o'clock

Opening Songs Lena Kistler, directing

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

Opening Prayer

The Oblingers in Ohio Wm. H. Rinkenbach

Greetings from visiting relatives and other Reunions

The Claus Oblinger Memorial Dedication Elwood E. Oplinger

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

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

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 15 and under. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform to receive their quarter from Secretary Claude C. Eckert.