

## OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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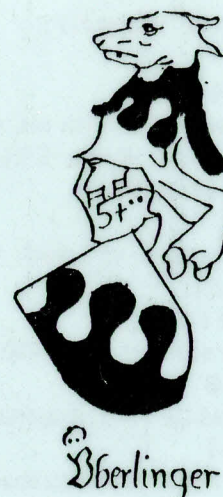
**Executive Committee** - All officers, Lena Kistler & John Hall.  
The executive committee wants to thank all who helped to make  
this year's reunion a success.

## OPLINGER FAMILY REUNION PRESIDENTS

1914 - 15	Reuben R. Oplinger	2 years
1916 - 17	Frances Oplinger	2 years
1918	William Oplinger	1 year
1919 - 23	Thomas A. Oplinger	5 years
1924 - 33	Elwood E. Oplinger	10 years
1934	Thomas A. Oplinger	1 year (total of 6 yrs.)
1935 - 39	Barton J. Oplinger	5 years
1940 - 67	Elwood E. Oplinger	28 years (total of 38 yrs.)
1968 - 81	Arthur JG Oplinger	14 years
1982 - 89	Donald S. Oplinger	8 years

## LEHIGH VALLY OPLINGER LINEAGE

Chiefly from: **Johanes - Daniel - Peter Oblinger**  
Claus Oblinger .....(1)...(45) 1685 - 1730  
Nicholas Oblinger .....(2).. (73) 1712 - 1785  
Isaac Oblinger .....(3)....(72) 1741 - 1813  
**Johanes Oblinger (4)....(74) 1777 - 1851**  
**Daniel Oblinger...(4)....(61) 1790 - 1851**  
Nicholas Oblinger..... (3)....(69) 1745 - 1814  
**Peter Oblinger....(4)....( ) 1787 -**



**Seventy - Fifth  
Annual Reunion  
Diamond Anniversary  
Oblinger - Uplinger  
Oplinger Family  
265 Years in America  
1724 - 1989  
Saturday  
August 26, 1989  
1:30 P.M.  
Nazareth Boro Park,  
Nazareth, Pa.**

## THE FAMILY CREST

The HERALDIC CREST of the Uberlinger family was researched and reproduced in 1947 by our former Historian of 28 years -  
(1937 - 1965) - William H. Rinkenbach.

This FAMILY CREST is registered on the rolls of the Society  
"Zur Katze" in Constance, Switzerland as of 1547. A framed colored  
hand drawn sketch is on display at the historical exhibit at the eating  
pavillon. The shield of white and blue is surmounted by a helm, topped  
by a head of a white greyhound with a blue mantle.

## REUNION LOCATIONS

1914-23	Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.
1924	Neffs Park, Neffs, Pa. = (1)
1925-28	Victory Park, Slatington, Pa. = (4)
1929-33	Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.
1934-35	Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.
1936-39	Community Park, Fogelsville, Pa. = (4)
1940-41	?
1942	No Reunion held
1943-46	Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.
1947-65	Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa. = (34)
1966	Ontelaunee Park, New Tripoli, Pa. = (1)
1967-75	Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.
1976-83	Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa.
1984	Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa. = (16)
1985-89	Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa. = (13)



## OPLINGER HISTORY - MEMORY MOMENTS

### October 1, 1724

Claus Oblinger (39), a Baptist refugee, emigrated with his wife Elizabeth & five children from Schwartzenu, Kreis Wittgenstein, Hesse, (Germany), settling in Germantown, Phila. Pa..

### June 12, 1751

Nicholas Oblinger (39), son of Claus, settles in Lehigh Gap, Pa. (Craig's Inn Location), with wife and three sons.

### September 5, 1914

1ST REUNION .....Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa. - with 400 persons.

### August 27, 1938

25th Silver Anniv. Reunion.... Lehigh Community Park, Fogelsville, Pa.

### August 19, 1961

Memorial for Nicholas Oblinger (73) 1712-1785, wife Elizabeth - sons Isaac, Samuel & Nicholas, at Indianland Church, Cherryville, Pa., unveiled by the family titular head - James Uplinger - Jefferson County, Pa. This Memorial was financially supported by the four Reunion branches - Lehigh Valley Oplingers, Wyoming Valley Oplingers, Jefferson County Uplinger-Whitesels, and Wadsworth Ohio Oplingers.

### September 14, 1963

Memorial Marker for Claus Oblinger (45), 1685 - 1730, at the Klein Bretheren Meeting House, between Harleysville & Souderton, Pa. These grounds were formerly part of a farm owned by Claus, on which he was buried - later becoming the Harley cemetery.

### August 22, 1964

50th Golden Anniversary Reunion..... Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.  
152 persons attended!

### August 26, 1989

75th Diamond Anniversary Reunion..... Nazareth Boro Park, Naz., Pa.

### Executive Committee Memorials....with 13+ years service!

Emma Oplinger Minnich - Treasurer .....	27 yrs. - (82) 1872-1954
John D. Watkins - Historian.....	22 yrs - (85) 1871-1956
Raymond E. Oplinger - Executive Comm.....	36 yrs.- (60) 1896-1956
Tessie M. Oplinger - Officer.....	35 yrs.- (58) 1906-1964
William H. Rinkenbach - Historian.....	28 yrs. - (71) 1894-1965
<u>Elwood E. Oplinger - Pres. 38 yrs. Ex. Comm. 54 Yrs. - (74) 1893-1967</u>	
Warren G. Hangen - Vice Pres.....	28 yrs.- (76) 1891-1967
Delbert Oplinger - Vice President .....	14 yrs. - (62) 1908-1970
<u>Jeremiah D. Oplinger - Executive Comm.....</u>	<u>51 yrs. (100) 1874-1974</u>
Barton J. Oplinger-Pres. 5 yrs. Ex. Comm.....	21 yrs. - (79) 1902-1981
Arthur J. G. Oplinger Pres. 14 yrs. Ex. Comm. 53 yrs.- (80) 1901-1981	

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM 1:30 P. M.

Flag Salute.....Gordon Oplinger, Vice President  
Song - America.....Lena Kistler  
Welcome.....Donald Oplinger, President

### Surprise Musical Selections

Family News from near and far!

### Business Session:

Date & Place of next Reunion (August 25, 1990)

Election of Officers

Miscellaneous items

### Surprise Musical Selections

### Awarding of Prizes:

Oldest Woman Present	Oldest Man Present
Couple Married Longest	Couple Married most Recently
Youngest Member Present	Largest Family Present
Coming the Longest Distance	

Collection.....Note - all income is from your giving

### Awarding of three cash badge prizes

### Additional Prizes

Memorial Roll Call..... Arthur Oplinger, Vice President

Closing Comments.....Gordon Oplinger, Vice President

Closing Song.....Lena Kistler

### GAMES.....Children & Adults.....with prizes

### Family Fellowship + CAKE WALK !!!

Children's Treat - \$1.00 each-age 15 & under - see Ervin Oplinger.

### Memorial Roll Call.....1988 - 1989

C. Leon Dieter,	82, Cherryville, Pa.	Aug. 28, 1988
Don Markulics,	33, Easton, Pa.	Sept. 11, 1988
Richard Young,	56, Easton, Pa.	Sept. 29, 1988
Minerva M. Person,	73, Bath, Pa.	Oct. 24, 1988
Edgar Beidelman, Jr.	67, Bethlehem, Pa.	Nov. 8, 1988
William Bucchi, Sr.,	60, Nazareth, Pa.	Oct. 25, 1988
Erma A. Oplinger,	84, Walnutport, Pa.	Nov. 30, 1988
Melodie Murphy,	0, Bethlehem, Pa.	Jan. 27, 1989
Woodrow J. Heffelfinger,	73, Lehigh, Pa.	Mar. 22, 1989
William Gold,	64, Bath, Pa.	May 20, 1989
Ethel V. Oplinger,	72, Northampton, Pa.	May 22, 1989
Clarence C. Benninger,	91, Danielsville, Pa.	May 30, 1989
Irene Genszler,	90, Whitehall, Pa.	July 20, 1989

Do you have any historical information?..... Please share it with one of the officers. Your help will be appreciated!