

## Oplinger History - Memory Moments

October 1, 1724

**CLAUS OBLINGER (39)**..... a Baptist refugee, emigrated with his wife Elizabeth & five children from Schwartzenau, 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

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

August 27, 1938

**25 th 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

**50 th GOLDEN Aniversary Reunion**.....Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.  
152 persons attended

August 26, 1989

**75 th DIAMOND Anniversary Reunion**.....Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa.  
60 persons attended.

### Executive Committee - MEMORIALS - with 14 or more 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
Elwood E. Oplinger - Pres.38 yrs. ExComm...	54 yrs - (74) 1893-1967
Warren G. Hangen - Vice President.....	28 yrs - (76) 1891-1967
Delbert Oplinger - Vice President .....	14 yrs - (62) 1908-1970
Jeremiah D. Oplinger - Executive Comm.....	51 yrs - (100) 1874-1974
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



Oberlinger

# 82 nd

## Reunion

Oblinger- Uplinger  
**Oplinger Family**

273 Years in America

1724 - 1997

Saturday

August 23, 1997

1:30 P. M.

Blue Mt. Rest - Danielsville, Pa.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM 1:30 P.M.

Flag Salute.....	Donald Oplinger, President
Song - America.....	Lena Kistler.
WELCOME.....	Donald Oplinger, President
Family News from near and far!	

### Business Session:

Date & Place of next Reunion, Gordon Oplinger (8-22 -98)  
Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous items

### Awarding of Prizes:

Oldest Woman Present	Oldest Man Present
Couple Married Longest	Couple Married most Recently
Youngest Member Present	Coming Longest Distance
Largest Immediate Family Present	
Largest Total Family Present (By Gilbert Ziegenfus)	

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

Awarding of three cash badge prizes

### Additional Prizes

Memorial Roll Call.....	Gordon Oplinger.
Closing Comments.....	Donald Oplinger, President
Closing Song.....	Lena Kistler.

G A M E S.....Children & Adults.....with prizes

Family Fellowship + C A K E W A L K !!!

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

**Adults over 15..\$5.00 treat to eat at Park Stand**



## OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Donald S. Oplinger, President (1982-97) = 16**

1008 North Poplar Street,  
Whitehall, Pa. 18052 (610) 437-2566

**Gordon W. J. Oplinger, Jr. Vice-Pres. (1975-97) = 23**

807 Frank Street,  
Emmaus, Pa. 18049

**Arthur Oplinger, Vice-Pres. (1988-97) = 8**

RD. #2, Box 2377,  
Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

**Harvey Oplinger, Corresponding Sec. (1995-97) = 3**

116 W. Mountain Road, Wind Gap, Pa. 18091 (610) 759-7064

**Richard Fehr, Recording Sec. (1996-97) = 1**

566 Pam Dr., Bath, PA 18014 (610) 837-75419

**Treasurer - Ervin E. Oplinger (1957-97) = 41**

**Games - Nancy Oplinger, Lila Sabia, Ruth Oplinger**

## 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 J. G. Oplinger	14 years
1982 - 97	Donald S. Oplinger	16 years

## LEHIGH VALLEY 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
<b>Johanes Oblinger.....</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>1777 - 1851</b>
<b>Daniel Oblinger.....</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(61)</b>	<b>1790 - 1851</b>
Nicholas Oblinger.....	(3)	(69)	1745 - 1814
<b>Peter Oblinger.....</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>1787 -</b>

YOUR HISTORICAL INFORMATION is important! SHARE it with us.

YOUR COMMENTS are always welcome

Computer Genealogy available - see Ervin Oplinger

THANKS FOR COMING TO OUR 82nd..... Drive Home Safely!

## Memorial Roll Call.....1996--1997

Mabel C. Smith Oplinger 97 Bath, PA Jan. 15, 1997  
*Wife of Norman C. Oplinger*

## 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 Kätze" in Constance, Switzerland as of 1547. A framed colored hand drawn sketch is on display at the historical exhibit at the eating pavilion. 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.
<b>1936-39</b>	<b>Community Park, Fogelsville, Pa. = (4) = 25 th</b>
1940-41	?
1942-46	Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.
1943	No Reunion Held
<b>1947-65</b>	<b>Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa. = (34) = 50 th</b>
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)
<b>1985-93</b>	<b>Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa = (16) = 75 th</b>
1991	No Reunion Held
1994-97	Blue Mt. Rest, Danielsville, Pa = (4)