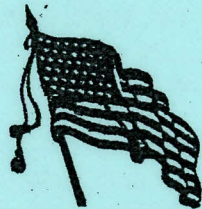


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OPLINGER REUNION PROGRAM  
80 years ago - August 31, 1918

FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION  
**Oplinger Family of America**

1734



1918

**SATURDAY**  
**August 31st, 1918**

**Edgemont Park, Edgemont, Pa.**

**OFFICERS**

President ..... William Oplinger, Danielsville, Pa.  
Hon. Vice Presidents: Reuben R. Oplinger, Danielsville, Pa.  
Francis Oplinger, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
Vice-Presidents: Reuben R. Oplinger, Danielsville, Pa.  
Wm. H. Oplinger, Edgemont, Pa.  
Thos. A. Oplinger, Bath, Pa.  
Secretary, Treasurer and Historian,  
E. E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.  
Assistant Historians:  
Miss Marie Collins, Nanticoke, Pa.  
Hugh D. Oblinger, Germantown, Ohio  
Mrs. A. A. Garrison, Nanticoke, Pa.  
Registration ..... Raymond E. Oplinger, Allentown, Pa.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wm. Oplinger, Reuben Oplinger, Cyrus Oplinger,  
Emmanuel Oplinger, Alvin Oplinger and  
Executive Officers.

**RECEPTION COMMITTEE**

Reuben Oplinger, Wm. Oplinger, Jeremiah D. Oplinger,  
Mrs. Milton A. Oplinger, Mrs. Emma Buck.

Victrola Music Furnished by G. C. Aschbach Music House, Allentown



83 rd

**Reunion**  
Oblinger - Uplinger  
**Oplinger Family**  
274 Years in America  
1724 - 1998  
Saturday  
August 22 1998  
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: Gordon Oplinger - Vice President  
Date & Place of next Reunion - (8-28-99)  
Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous items

Awarding of Prizes: Donald Oplinger - President  
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

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.....	Donald Oplinger - President
Closing Song.....	Lena Kistler.

GAME S.....Children & Adults.....with prizes

Family Fellowship + CAKE WALK !!!

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

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



*A Memory Moment -  
The Introduction Page of  
William H. Rinkenbach's Genealogical History  
At The 50th Oplinger Family Reunion  
In 1964 At Edgemont Park*

**History of the**

**OBLINGER -- OPLINGER -- UPLINGER FAMILY**

**INTRODUCTION**

In 1914 the first reunion of this family was held at Edgemont Park in Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pa. This was attended by about four hundred members of the family and friends; chiefly from Northampton and adjacent counties. A group picture of this reunion is extant.

Mr. Reuben R. Oplinger was elected the first president of the family association; and Elwood E. Oplinger and William H. Rinkenbach were elected historians. Later, Mr. John D. Watkins became an additional historian and collected much information prior to his death in 1956. Progress in accumulating historical data was relatively slow until about 1935, when legalistic methods were adopted. The wide dispersal and loss of contact with some branches of the family, as well as changes in the spelling of the name and the lack of interest in some branches, had made completion of the task almost impossible. Since then progress has been relatively rapid, lost branches were discovered in western Pennsylvania and the Midwest. Considerable assistance has been received from individuals representing geographically remote branches of the family.

Over the years interest has increased to such an extent that there are now four annual reunions in Northampton, Luzerne and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania and at Wadsworth, Ohio. Elwood E. Oplinger has served as president of the parent reunion for thirty three years. Under his leadership, the four reunion organizations in 1961 and 1963 cooperated to place memorial Stones in the graveyards adjacent to the Klein Brethren Meeting House near Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pa. and the Indianland Church (St. Paul's) at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa. These mark the resting places of and honor the progenitor, Claus Oblinger his son Nicholas and grandsons Isaac, Samuel and Nicholas.

With the accomplishment of these projects, it seems appropriate that there be added another to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first family reunion the appearance of this genealogical history of the family.

**OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

**Donald S. Oplinger, President (1982 - 98)**

1008 North Poplar Street,

Whitehall, Pa. 18052 (610) 437-2566

**Gordon W. J. Oplinger, Jr. Vice-Pres. (1975 - 98)**

807 Frank Street,

Emmaus, Pa. 18049

**Arthur Oplinger, Vice-Pres. (1988 - 98)**

RD. #2, Box 2377,

Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

**Harvey Oplinger, Corresponding Sec. (1995 - 98)**

116 W. Mountain Road,

Wind Gap, Pa. 18091 (610) 759-7064

**Richard Fehr. Recording Sec. (1996 - 98)**

566 Pam Drive,

Bath, PA 18014 (610) 837-7419

**Treasurer - Ervin E. Oplinger (1957 - 98)**

1878 Joseph Circle,

Allentown, PA 18104 (610) 437-0391

**Games - Nancy Oplinger, Patty Bailly**

**Memorial Roll Call.....1997 -- 1998**

**Beatrice May Cate** 69 Norton, OH Oct. 29, 1997

*Officer in the Ohio Oplinger Reunion*

**Claire P. Van Horn** 84 Lehigh Twsp. PA Feb. 11, 1998

*Daughter of late E. Eugene & Lottie Oplinger Stoneburner*

**Leoda K. Oplinger** 88 Whitehall Twsp. PA Feb. 17, 1998

*Wife of late Martin K. Oplinger*

**Jane L. Pelliciotta-Kistler** 53 Northampton, PA Mar. 27, 1998

*Daughter of late Robert & Ethel Oplinger*

**Clyde Kleppinger** 74 Jewell KN June 11, 1998

*Son of late Elvin & Irma Oplinger Kleppinger*