

## OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Donald S. Oplinger, President

Gordon W. J. Oplinger, Jr. Vice-Pres.

Arthur Oplinger, Vice-Pres.

Richard H. Oplinger, Vice-Pres.

Roy & Louise Oplinger, Corresponding Sec.

Winfield Miller, Recording Sec.

Treasurer, Ervin E. Oplinger

Games - Nancy Oplinger & Patty Bailly

### Memorial Roll Call.....2000-2001

**Rev. Ralph T. Bailly - 84 - Allentown, PA - Aug. 26, 2000**  
*Former husband of Florence A. Oplinger Bailly - deceased 1984*

**Gilbert J Ziegenfuss - 93 - Walnutport, PA - Jan. 3, 2001**  
*Husband of Florence B Oplinger Ziegenfuss - Married 69 yrs*

**Princess M Oplinger - 88 - Palmerton, PA - July 12, 2001**  
*Wife of Vernon M Oplinger - deceased 1968 -  
(brother of Rev. Gordon W J Oplinger)*

**Mary E. Oplinger - 79 - N. Whitehall Twsp, PA - Aug. 1, 2001**  
*Wife of Ralph G. Oplinger - deceased 1990*

**Rachel M. Oplinger Miller - 74 - Northampton, PA - Aug. 4, 2001**  
*Daughter of Newton (1966) & Bertha (1963) Oplinger deceased  
Mother of our Rec. Sec. Winfield Miller*

Report all life statistics to Ervin Oplinger



## 86<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Oblinger - Uplinger  
Oplinger Family  
277 Years in America  
1724 - 2001

Saturday  
August 25 2001  
1:30 P. M.

Blue Mt. Rest - Danielsville, Pa.

### AFTERNOON PROGRAM 1:30 P. M.

Flag Salute..... Donald Oplinger - President  
Song - America.....  
W E L C O M E..... Donald Oplinger - President  
**Family News from near and far!**

**Business Session:** Gordon Oplinger - Vice President  
Date & Place of next Reunion - (8 - 24 - 2002)  
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.....

**GAMES.....**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 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

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.

TODAY AUGUST 25, 2001 THE 86TH OPLINGER FAMILY REUNION

### Reunion Officers 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 |
| Emerson A. Weiss - Corr. Secretary.....       | 36 yrs - (79)  | 1951- 1986  |
| Ruth Flexer - Rec. Secretary.....             | 24yrs - (96)   | 1969- 1992  |

|                                                |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Ervin E. Oplinger - Treasurer.....             | 45 yrs | 1957- 2001 |
| Lena Kistler - Ex. Comm.....                   | 44 yrs | 1958- 2001 |
| Donald S. Oplinger - Vice Pres. - President... | 38 yrs | 1964- 2001 |
| Gordon W.J. Oplinger Ex. Comm. - Vice Pres..   | 33 yrs | 1969- 2001 |
| Arthur Oplinger - Vice Pres.....               | 21 yrs | 1981- 2001 |

## OPLINGER FAMILY REUNION PRESIDENTS

|             |              |          |                           |
|-------------|--------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 1914 - 1915 | Reuben R.    | Oplinger | 2 years                   |
| 1916 - 1917 | Frances      | Oplinger | 2 years                   |
| 1918        | William      | Oplinger | 1-year                    |
| 1919 - 1923 | Thomas A.    | Oplinger | 5 years                   |
| 1924 - 1933 | Elwood E.    | Oplinger | 10 years                  |
| 1934        | Thomas A.    | Oplinger | 1 yr (total of 6 yrs.)    |
| 1935 - 1939 | Barton J.    | Oplinger | 5 years                   |
| 1940 - 1967 | Elwood E.    | Oplinger | 28 yrs (total of 38 yrs.) |
| 1968 - 1981 | Arthur J. G. | Oplinger | 14 years                  |
| 1982 - 2001 | Donald S.    | Oplinger | 20 years                  |

## LEHIGH VALLEY OPLINGER LINEAGE

Chiefly from: Johaness - Daniel - Peter Oblinger

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

## REUNION LOCATIONS

|           |                                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1914-1923 | Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.                     |
| 1924      | Neffs Park, Neffs, Pa. = (1)                    |
| 1925-1928 | Victory Park, Slatington, Pa. = (4)             |
| 1929-1933 | Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa.                     |
| 1934-1935 | Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.              |
| 1936-1939 | Community Park, Fogelsville, Pa. = (4) = 25 th  |
| 1940-1941 | ?                                               |
| 1942-1946 | Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.              |
| 1943      | No Reunion Held                                 |
| 1947-1965 | Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa. = (34) = 50 th      |
| 1966      | Ontelaunee Park, New Tripoli, Pa. = (1)         |
| 1967-1975 | Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa.              |
| 1976-1983 | Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa.               |
| 1984      | Indian Trail Park, Pennsville, Pa. = (16)       |
| 1985-1993 | Nazareth Boro Park, Nazareth, Pa = (16) = 75 th |
| 1991      | No Reunion Held                                 |
| 1994-2001 | Blue Mt. Rest, Danielsville, Pa = (8) = 86th    |