

## 2016-17 OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: DAVID E. BAILY

Vice Presidents:  
Richard L. Oplinger

Larry Knoepfler

Recording Secretary: Winfield Miller

Treasurer: John T. Baily

### OPLINGER HISTORY – MEMORABLE 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, Philadelphia, PA.

**June 12, 1751**

**NICHOLAS OBLINGER (39)** Son of Claus, settled 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 attended.

**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.

**September 14, 1963**

**MEMORIAL Marker for Claus Oblinger (45)**, 1685 -1730, at the Klein Brethren 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, Nazareth, PA; 60 persons attended.

**August 22, 2015**

**100th CENTENNIAL Anniversary Reunion;** Blue Mtn. Restaurant, Danielsville, PA; 70 persons attended.



102<sup>nd</sup>

## Oplinger Family Reunion

**Oblinger – Uplinger – Oplinger**  
**293 Years in America: 1724 – 2017**

**Saturday, August 26 2017**

**Blue Mtn. Restaurant– Danielsville, Pa.**

### AFTERNOON PROGRAM – 1:30 PM

**Flag Salute & Song: “My Country Tis of Thee”**..... Richard Oplinger

**Invocation** .....Rev. Karen Bongard

**Welcome, Family Introductions & News**..... David Baily

**Oplinger Origins – A New Perspective** .....Alex Baily

#### Business Session

Recording Secretary& Treasurer’s Reports

Election of Officers for 2017-18

Date & Place of Next Reunion – August 25, 2018

Maintaining Genealogy

#### 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

Awarding of Three Cash Badge Prizes

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

**Closing Comments** ..... David Baily

**Memorial Roll Call** ..... Larry Knoepfler

**Song: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”**

**Closing Prayer** ..... Rev. James Bongard

#### Badge Number Prizes

**GAMES for Children & BINGO for Adults**

**Cake Walk**

**Family Fellowship & Supper Continues in the Restaurant**

*(present your coupon(s) when you pay for your meal!)*

Children’s Treat: \$1.00 each, age 15 & under	– see John Baily
Adults over 15: \$5.00 coupon to eat in restaurant	– see David Baily

## REUNION OFFICERS – With 14 or More Years of Service

Emma Oplinger Minnich	Treasurer	27 yrs	(82)	1872 - 1954
John D. Watkins	Historian	22 yrs	(85)	1871 - 1956
Raymond E. Oplinger	Ex. Comm/Treasurer	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, Ex Comm	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 Committee	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	24 yrs	(96)	1969 - 1992
Lena Kistler	Executive Committee	44 yrs	(98)	1958 - 2001
Donald S. Oplinger	Vice Pres, - President	38 yrs	(77)	1964 - 2001
Arthur Oplinger	Vice President	28 yrs		1981 - 2008
Ervin E. Oplinger	Treasurer	60 yrs	(92)	1957 - 2016
<b>Gordon W.J. Oplinger</b>	Ex. Comm, Vice Pres	49 yrs	(83)	1969 - 2017

## 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 6 yrs.)
1935 - 1939	Barton J.	Oplinger	5 years
1940 - 1967	Elwood E.	Oplinger	28 yrs. (total 38 yrs.)
1968 - 1981	Arthur J. G.	Oplinger	14 years
1982 - 2001	Donald S.	Oplinger	20 years
2001 - 2005	Richard H.	Oplinger	4 years
2005 - 2006	Richard L.	Oplinger	1 year
2006 - 2017	David E.	Baily	11 years

## REUNION LOCATIONS

1914-1923	Edgemont Park	Harpers, PA
1924	Neffs Park	Neffs, PA
1925-1928	Victory Park	Slatington, PA
1929-1933	Edgemont Part	Harpers, PA
1934-1935	Indian Trail Park	Pennsville, PA
1936-1939	Community Park	Fogelsville, PA (25 <sup>th</sup> )
1940-1941	??	
1942-1946	Indian Trail Park	Pennsville, PA (1943 – none)
1947-1965	Edgemont Part	Harpers, PA (50 <sup>th</sup> )
1966	Ontelaunee Park	New Tripoli, PA
1967-1975	Indian Trail Park	Pennsville, PA
1976-1983	Nazareth Boro Park	Nazareth, PA
1984	Indian Trail Park	Pennsville, PA
1985-1993	Nazareth Boro Park	Nazareth, PA (75 <sup>th</sup> ) (1991 – none)
1994-2017	Blue Mtn. Restaurant	Danielsville, PA (100 <sup>th</sup> )

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(as of August 1, 2017)

	2016-2017	2015-2016
Printing & Postage	95.31	203.45
Prizes & Treats	45.00	119.27
Games	44.96	86.72
Flowers & Contributions	100.00	60.00
100th planning meeting		95.30
100th gift		124.40
Meals @ 5.00	130.00	275.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>415.27</b>	<b>964.14</b>
Badges & Offering	269.00	575.00
Donations	90.00	265.00
Interest	0.05	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>359.05</b>	<b>840.00</b>
<b>SAVINGS BALANCE</b>	<b>451.16</b>	<b>507.38</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70</b>

## MEMORIAL ROLL CALL 2016-2017

**Roger C. Oplinger**, 67 years, Jewell, KS, died Dec. 25, 2016.  
Husband of Barbara Oplinger, married 45 years.

**Sydney Milton Kellogg V**, 11 years, Lebanon, IN, died June 6, 2017. Great-grandson of Derwent Cartmell, great-nephew of Sharon and Larry Knoepfler.

**Gordon W. J. Oplinger, Jr**, 83 years, Bethlehem, PA, died June 21, 2017. Husband of Delores, married 60 years.



Gordon was a member of the Oplinger Family Association Executive Committee and Vice President for a total of 49 years. He and Delores were able to attend last year's reunion, after a few years absence due to health. Gordon was very interested in promoting the Oplinger history, and travelled twice in the 1980's to the Lake Constance area, where he located the Überlinger crest hanging in the Meersburg Castle on the north side of the Bodensee.