

2017-18 OPLINGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: David E. Baily

Vice Presidents:
Richard L. Oplinger

Larry A. Knoepfler

Rev. James C. Bongard

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 attending.

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. Rest, Danielsville, PA



103rd Oplinger Family Reunion

Oblinger – Uplinger – Oplinger
294 Years in America: 1724 – 2018

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Blue Mtn. Restaurant– Danielsville, Pa.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM – 1:30 PM

Flag Salute & Song: “My Country Tis of Thee”

Invocation

Welcome

Family Introductions & News

Business Session

Recording Treasurer’s Report

Officers for 2018-19

Date & Place of Next Reunion – August 24, 2019

Our Future

Awarding of Prizes

Three Cash Badge Prizes

Oldest Woman Present

Oldest Man Present

Couple Married Longest

Couple Married Most Recently

Youngest Member Present

Coming Longest Distance

Largest Immediate Family Present

Collection

Closing Comments

Memorial Roll Call

Song: “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Badge Number Prizes

Cake Walk

BINGO for Adults and GAMES for Children

Family Fellowship & Supper Continues in the Restaurant
(please 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
Gordon W.J. Oplinger	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 - 2018	David E.	Baily	12 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 th)
1940-1941	??	
1942-1946	Indian Trail Park	Pennsville, PA (1943 – none)
1947-1965	Edgemont Part	Harpers, PA (50 th)
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 th) (1991 – none)
1994-2018	Blue Mtn. Restaurant	Danielsville, PA (100 th)

TREASURER'S REPORT

(as of August 1, 2018)

	2017-18	2016-17
Printing & Postage	152.86	95.31
Prizes & Treats	36.50	45.00
Games	22.49	44.96
Flowers & Contributions		100.00
100th planning meeting		
100th gift		
Meals @ 5.00	110.00	130.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	321.85	415.27
Badges & Offering	192.00	269.00
Donations	125.00	90.00
Interest	0.04	0.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	317.04	359.05
SAVINGS BALANCE	446.35	451.16
Attendance	28	35

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL 2017-2018

Delores M. Oplinger, 85 years, Bethlehem, PA, died Dec. 17, 2017. Widow of Gordon W. J. Oplinger, Jr., Vice President of the Oplinger Association for 49 years, who preceded her in June, 2017.

Questions for Our Reunion's Future

1. What can we/you do to increase interest in and attendance at the reunion?
2. What changes could we make to the program and activities?
3. What are you willing to volunteer to help with for next year's reunion?
(sign-in, bingo shop & help), children's games, pictures)
4. How can we cut back to reduce expenses?
E.g., printing badges, 10 \$5 cash prizes, \$5 restaurant subsidy?
5. At what point would we consider discontinuing the annual reunion?