

The 109th Oplinger Family Reunion – 301 Years in America

The 109th Oplinger-Oblinger-Uplinger Family Reunion was held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Blue Mountain Drive-In Restaurant in Danielsville, PA. The weather cooperated with sun and warm – but not hot – temperatures. The only excitement was a gust of wind that flipped one of the pop-up tents providing shade on the deck, rendering it inoperable and requiring a shift of seating to take advantage of the shade remaining from the restaurant's awning. The attendance was twenty-nine adults – no children or teens this year.

In my President's Remark's, I encouraged the attendees to take advantage of the various historical documents: programs and pictures from the past reunions, the Oplinger genealogy now containing over 7,300 names, the Claus Oblinger history written by William Rinkenbach in 1964, the 2018 findings by Bill Oplinger and others of Niclaus Oppliger from Oppligen, Switzerland as the probable origin of our family in Europe. An offer was made to provide documents containing either the entire Oplinger genealogy in a PDF document or just the ancestors of an individual starting with Claus Oblinger (Klaus Oppliger). To request your report, please send me an email.

Since the last reunion, Shari (Oplinger) Swan has volunteered to assist with planning, and Alex Baily will update the Oplinger.org website. Limited progress was made on exporting our genealogy file, currently maintained on my PC, to a publicly-available site – either Ancestry.com or MyHeritage.com. More work will be conducted in this area.

The business session was brief and confirmed the officers for 2024-25 as remaining the same: President – David Baily, Vice President – Rev. Jim Bongard, Secretary – Winfield Miller, and Treasurer – Kathleen McDermott. Next year's reunion will be held again at the Blue Mountain Drive-in on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

The games included the traditional 'Cake Walk' (if your number was called, you selected from an assortment of baked goods) and Bingo. As the youngest person present was an adult, there were no children's games this year. The group then moved into the restaurant for the evening meal.

David Baily, President