

# ***Kiser Family Genealogy Notes***

## ***New Jersey***

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*The Early Germans of New Jersey, by Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers (Dover, NJ: Dover Printing Co., 1895), p. 603 {16341}*

“KEISER, JAMES R. [#A5], b. near Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va., on the 28th of Sept., 1812; began his studies at Gettysburg, Pa., 1834, in his twenty-second year, with the ministry in view. After graduating at Pennsylvania College he spent one year in the Theological Seminary and finished his course of study preparatory to the ministry in the Seminary at Andover, Mass.; first ministerial work was in the Lutheran Church at Winchester, Va.; in 1843 succeeded Dr. Pohlman in the churches of New Germantown, German Valley and Spruce Run; in 1849 was called to the Lutheran Church at Schoharie, N. Y. The seven years spent in this church were the most pleasant and fruitful of his whole ministerful life; was afterwards pastor of St. James Church, Gettysburg; in 1861 called to the Lutheran Church in Dixon, Ill., where he remained for three years, when he returned to the East and engaged in work for the American Sunday-School Union. During this time he united with the Presbytery of New York, and was, during the remainder of his life, a minister of the Presbyterian Church. This transition was natural and easy as he was always more Calvinistic than Lutheran in his theological views, and without such Catholic feelings as to make him indifferent to denominational bounds. He died in the comfort and hope of the gospel, Oct. 12, 1872, and was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.”