

THE OLD CHARLES KEYSER FARM



The farm Charles Keyser purchased in 1765 is located in present day Page County, Virginia.

DIRECTIONS:

From Luray, Virginia:

GPS: 38° 43' 0" N
78° 28' 2" W

Take **Mechanic's St.**, which becomes **Hwy. 675/Bixler's Ferry Rd.** out of town. Once you cross the **Shenandoah River**, turn **right** onto **S. Page Valley Rd./Hwy. 684** and follow along the river for just over 2 miles, and the **Charles Keyser, Jr. Fort Home** will be on the **left**. This fort home was originally built by **Michael Rinehart prior to 1735**. You will recognize it by its distinctive bright yellow roof. Please be mindful this is a very old house that is **Posted** with a **No Trespassing** sign due to its **potentially unsafe condition**. It sits on **Private Property** and **permission should be obtained before approaching**.

Just past this home, in the curve, lies the **Old Keyser Graveyard**. It is on the **left** just up a small bank on the edge of the road. You will recognize it by an **American flag flying above the graves**.

Across the street in the same curve you will see a dirt road leading to the location where the **Charles Keyser, Sr.'s Fort Home** that he built in 1765 once stood. It was demolished around 1967; unfortunately, only the fort cellar remains. After his death, both **Andrew Keyser, Sr.** and **Andrew Keyser, Jr.** also lived in the fort house. The large old house still standing nearby is the **Andrew Keyser, Jr. Mansion House**, which he built around 1840. The **Old Keyser Farm** now stands on **Private Property**; **do not enter without permission from the owner**.