



# KUSER MANSION



*"A Country Home"... Built 1892 in Hamilton, New Jersey*



**Guided  
Tours  
Exhibitions  
Special  
Presentations  
Christmas  
Tours  
& More**

**Special points of  
interest:**

- Historic Jewel
- Beautiful setting
- Victorian style home
- Conveniently located in central New Jersey just minutes away from major highway

Once the summer homestead of:

**Fred & Teresa Kuser**  
**&**



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*Historic*

*Elegant*

*Exquisite*

*Memorable*



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# Welcome to the Kuser Mansion



Thank you for your interest in visiting one of Hamilton Township's Historic Homes! This majestic piece of our history celebrates Hamilton's past, while providing you with countless opportunities today and into the future.

The Kuser Mansion, once a summer home for the Kuser family, is the perfect location for guided tours, exhibitions, special presentations and more! This historic jewel sits on the remaining 22 acres of the Kuser Family's original 70-acre estate in Hamilton Township, just minutes from major highways.

The Kusers themselves have a long and interesting history dating back to Rudolph Kuser who immigrated to the U.S. from Zurich, Switzerland around the early-mid 1800's. He and his wife, Rosalie, bought and operated a large farm in Hamilton Township, along what is now Kuser Road. It was across the road from this farm that their son, Fred, built a home, which is now the Kuser Farm Mansion, as his summer home.



The Homestead Inn. Kuser Road, Hamilton NJ



Kuser Farm Mansion. Newkirk Avenue, Hamilton, NJ





# *The Kuser Mansion*



# **The Kuser Story**

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**from Records and Recollections of**

**Fredrick Anthony Kuser**

**R**udolph Kuser, son of Henry Kuser, was born in Zurich, Switzerland in 1818. Before coming to America, he was an expert mechanical engineer, and after the move, was a partner in the firm of Baxter, Kuser and Thompson of Newark, New Jersey. On May 3rd, 1858, Rudolph married Rosalie Prieth, who was born in Graun, Tyrol, Austria in 1833. In 1867, Rudolph purchased the Timothy Lord Farm, in Hamilton Township, New Jersey on what is now known as Kuser Road. This then became the homestead of the Kuser family. Their original homestead is still standing and is now a restaurant known as "The Homestead" or more commonly referred to as "Chick & Nello's".

**T**ogether, Rudolph and Rosalie had 6 children, 5 sons and 1 daughter. After the death of Rudolph in 1891, Rosalie continued to manage the large working farm until her death in 1923. Jersey cows, large crops of grain and other produce were raised on this grand farm. The farm was so vast that Rosalie would go out and ring a huge bell to summon the farm workers to come eat. As tales have come down through generations of the family, Rosalie was a remarkable woman. One tale tells how Rosalie gave birth to one of her children, and on the same day went out to cut the asparagus bed!

**F**our of the Kuser children including: Fred Kuser born January 31, 1859; Anthony R. Kuser & John L. Kuser (twins) born May 12, 1862; and Rudolph V. Kuser born June 3, 1865 were born in Newark, New Jersey. The youngest two children Louise Kuser born June 28, 1867 & Benedict C. Kuser born February 19, 1870, were born at the Homestead on Kuser Road. The sons grew up on the farm and, reaching maturity, went out into the worlds of business and development at the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century. All of them felt a deep devotion to their mother and faithfully returned to the farm, often bringing their friends for lunch. The Kuser homestead was noted for its hospitality and many people of the area have recalled the parties of up to 100 people that were welcomed there on summer days. A shooting club was on the Kuser Homestead grounds.





# FAQ'S Continued...

**Q. Are guests allowed to take pictures inside the Mansion?**

**A. Yes! Guests are encouraged to take pictures.**

**Q. Are food and drinks allowed inside the Mansion?**

**A. No. No eating or drinking is allowed in the mansion. Picnic facilities are available on most days.**

**Q. Does the Mansion have Air Conditioning?**

**A. No. The Mansion does not have air conditioning.**

**Q. Is the Mansion heated?**

**A. Yes!**

**Q. How many rooms are inside the Mansion?**

**A. The Mansion has 22 rooms, but only the first and second floors can be viewed.**

**Q. Are there other programs at the Mansion throughout the year?**

**A. Yes. A variety of special events throughout the year gives families a reason to return again and again! See website for full updated schedule.**

**Q. Are there Christmas tours?**

**A. Yes. Christmas tours run from the first weekend of December through mid-December. See website for full updated schedule.**

**Q. Where do I park?**

**A. Please park in the two designated parking lots.**

**Q. How many entrances are there to get into the park?**

**A. Two. One is off of Newkirk Avenue and the other is off of Kuser Road.**

**Visit our website for further information**

**[www.hamiltonnj.com/Kuser](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/Kuser)**

## *Directions to The Kuser Mansion*



**From South Jersey:** Take 295 North to Exit 62 Olden Avenue North. You will be on Arena drive for 0.4 miles. At the 2nd traffic light at the Exxon gas station, you will bear left onto Olden Avenue. Go 0.2 miles and bear right onto Newkirk Avenue at Riggin's gas station. Make sure to bear right onto Newkirk and NOT a sharp right onto Patterson Avenue. Stay on Newkirk for 0.4 miles. Make a right into the Kuser Farm Park/Mansion at the black mailbox. If you cross Cedar Lane, you have gone too far. Please park in designated areas.

**From North Jersey:** Take 295 South to exit 63 Trenton/Hamilton. You will be on Nottingham Way/33 at the first traffic light ( Intersection of Nottingham Way/ Klockner Road). Make a left at the traffic light onto Klockner Road and stay on Klockner until you reach the next traffic light which will meet Hamilton Avenue. Make a right at the light onto Hamilton Avenue ( Nottingham High School will be on your right). Take Hamilton Avenue for 0.7 miles, at the 2nd light make a left onto Kuser Road. Stay on Kuser Road for 0.4 Miles ( You will see Trenton Catholic Academy on your left). At the next traffic light make a left onto Newkirk Avenue and then an immediate left into Kuser Farm Park/Mansion at the black mailbox. Please park in the designated areas.

**From Pennsylvania:** Take US-1 North (Crossing into New Jersey.) Take the NJ-33 East/Market Street Exit toward NJ Transit/South Clinton Avenue/Train Station. Turn Right onto NJ-33/ Market Street Extension. Continue to follow NJ-33. Turn right onto Chambers Street/County Highway-626. Take the 1st left onto County Highway 606/ Hamilton Avenue. From Hamilton Avenue make a right onto Olden Avenue. Proceed 0.7 miles to the 2nd traffic light, and make a left onto Cedar Lane. At the next traffic light at the intersection of Newkirk and Cedar, make a right onto Newkirk Avenue and then an immediate left into Kuser Farm Park/Mansion at the black mailbox. Please park in the designated areas.

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