

Adee. I. The first of this name in Rye was John, said to have been the son of a clergyman of the Church of England. He is mentioned 1750–1766 as living on Hog–pen Ridge. His farm, apparently, was that now owned by his descendant John A. Merritt.. •

II. Daniel Adee, 2 first mentioned 1788, probably a son of John, lived in the same locality. He married Jemima Hobby, and had three sons: Hobby, David, and William ; and three daughters : Sarah (died young), Charlotte, and Tamazon.

III. 1. Hobby Adee, 3 mentioned 1799, son of Daniel, 2 had three sons: Daniel of New York, Samuel, lately of New York, and one who died young ; and six daughters.

Benjamin Kniffen, perhaps the Benjamin mentioned in 1724, died about the close of the Revolution. His will, dated 1783, names his sons, Andrew, Roger, and Benjamin ; and his daughters, Gertrude Bull, Phoebe Bull, Sarah Kniffen, **Mary Wilson**, Elizabeth Sherwood, and Jemima Merritt.

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WILLSON. I. Samuel was the first of the family who settled in this town or in Greenwich. He was probably a son of Jeremiah Willson and Mary his wife, of New Shoreham or Block Island, who died in 1740, a son of Sumuel of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, one of the freemen of 1655, who died in 1682, aged sixty years. Samuel came from Rhode Island in or previous to the year 1710, and settled on the place now owned by John B. Haight on King Street. His wife was Susannah Ogden.

He died early in the year 1751, and the inventory of his estate as returned by the appraisers Hay 14, 1751, amounted to £13,478 5s. 10^d r^f., of which £9,015 was real estate. His wife Susannah died in 1770. Children: Samuel, Joseph, William; Susannah, married Kniffen of Rye ; and Mary, married Roger Lyon of North Castle. William was under twenty-one in 1751, and died in 1763, unmarried.

II. 1. **Samuel**, 2 son of Samuel, **married Phoebe Lyon**, and lived on the place now owned by the Misses Willson on King Street, where he died July 2, 1756. Phoebe his wife died January 29, 1770. Children: Samuel, Benjamin, Justus, Jotham, Andrew, Roger, Thomas, and Susanah, whom married Gabriel Many, and lived at Amsterdam, New York; all under twenty-one years of age at the time of the death of their father in 1756.

Lyon. The tradition in this family runs that Thomas Lyon and John Banks came together from Yorkshire, England, about the year 1640. to the spot where they settled on the east bank of Byram River, which they reached by boat from Stamford.

Saving the date, which is many years too early, the legend may be correct.

Thomas Lyon was a land holder in Stamford in 1650 and 1652. (Hist. of Stamford, pp. 57, 60.)

He is said to have been born December 1621. He **married Abigail**

. Children:

John, Joseph, **Thomas**, Deborah, . Samuel, Sarah, Hannah, Rachel,

The marriage of 'John Banks and Abigail Lyon ' is on record at

Stamford, as occurring April 3, 1672. I am led to think that this Abigail was the widow of Thomas Lyon above named. In 1719 John Banks³ and John Lyon³ style themselves nephews of Samuel Lyon.² (N.Y. Col. MSS., lxi. 156.) This would imply that their fathers were brothers-in-law, or half-brothers ; the latter conjecture seems probable from the name, as Thomas had a wife but no daughter Abigail.

II. 1. John Lyon, 2 son of Thomas, 1 mentioned as brother of Joseph of Rye, was living in 1710 at Greenwich.

2. **Thomas Lyon**, 2 son of Thomas, 1 married **Abigail Ogden**. He lived in the homestead near Byram Bridge. Children :

Thomas, Abigail, Samuel, Elizabeth,
Jonathan, Jemima, David, Joseph,
Mary, Deborah, Gilbert.

3. Samuel Lyon' son of Thomas, 1 mentioned 1700 as living in Greenwich, and again 1707.

4. Joseph Lyon, 2 son of Thomas, 1 was of Rye in 1710, and had the mill on Blind Brook Creek in 1719.

III. 1. **Thomas Lyon**, 3 'of King street,' son of Thomas, 2 married **Phoebe Vowles**.

He removed in 1750 to the farm which his father had
bought of his brother Samuel, now owned by William Bush. He had a
son Andrew, and perhaps other children.