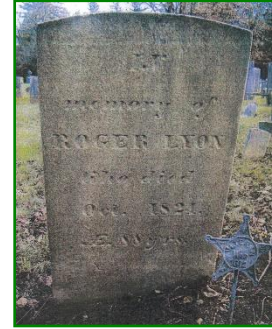


Roger Lyon and Peter Buxton

Roger Lyon was born in 1736. When the Revolution came, he fought against the British as a Private in the 2nd Regiment of the Westchester County Militia. He was married to his cousin Phebe Lyon. They had two sons, James and Jonathan, and a daughter Elizabeth. In 1788, Roger Lyon sold some of his land to a group of twenty-four of his neighbors who desired to purchase a suitable site for their family burying grounds. (See Bedford Town Records, attached.)



Peter Buxton was born in 1795. He was married to Catherine Robertson, sister of Henry Robertson (well-known Bedford family.) After her premature death in 1824, he married Phebe Smith. They had at least two sons, Isaac and Stephen. Roger was deeply involved in the life of Bedford serving in many positions, including two terms as Town Supervisor. In 1851, Peter Buxton sold some of his land to the families of the early subscribers to increase the size of the burying ground. The cemetery took his name for its' own.



Interestingly, both the Buxton and Lyon families were beneficiaries beyond their sales, in that they both secured prime burial sites for their families.

Roger Lyon and his immediate family can be found in plot A-13. In fact, thirty-seven Lyons are buried in Buxton Cemetery.

Peter Buxton and his immediate family are buried in plot A-24. There are only seven Buxton graves in all of Bedford, and six of them are in the Buxton Cemetery. It is interesting that in the Town of Bedford there are 130 Lyons buried; there are 143 Barretts', 276 Millers' and only seven Buxtons'. Yet, the Buxton's have both a Road and a Cemetery named after them.