1556. Deborah Mather, b. 1752, d. 1826, dau. of Deborah Ely and Richard Mather; m. 1771, Ezra Lee, who was b. 1749 and d. 1821, son of Abner Lee and Elizabeth Lee. Their children:

1. Samuel Holden Parsons, b. 1772, d. 1870, m. Elizabeth Sullivan.
2. Elizabeth, b. 1774, d. 1851, m. 1801 Edward Hill.
3. Lucia, b. 1777, d. 1778.
4. Lucia Mather, b. 1779, d. 1870, m. John Marvin.
5. Polly, b. 1782.
6. Phebe, b. 1783, d. 1805.
8. Margaret Stoutenburgh, b. 1794.

Ezra Lee was born at Lyme, Conn., in the year 1749, and died there on the 29th of Oct., 1821.

He was an officer of the Revolutionary Army, trusted by Washington, and beloved by his fellow officers for his calm and faithful courage and patriotic devotion. In August, 1776, Captain Ezra Lee was selected by General Samuel H. Parsons, with the approval of General Washington, to affix an infernal machine called a "marine turtle," invented by one David Bushnell, to a British ship, the "Eagle," then in New York harbor.

The attempt was gallantly made, but was only partially successful, owing to the ship's thick copper sheathing.

Captain Lee remained in the water several hours, returned in safety to the Americans and was congratulated by General Washington, who afterwards employed him on secret service.

Not long after the attempt upon the "Eagle," Captain Lee essayed to blow up a British frigate, then stationed in the Hudson River, near Bloomingdale, with Bushnell's machine, but the attempt was discovered and failed of success.