

Pension Application for Eliud Tryon

W.16183 (Former Widow: Bethia Bailey)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this twenty third day of September in the year 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of Orange County Bethia Baily a resident of the Town of Mount Hope in said County & State, aged eighty five years on the sixteenth day of May last who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to Elius Tryon who was a Lieutenant in the Militia of the State of New York. That her said husband belonged to a company of Militia of said State of which David Swezey was Captain & the said Eliud Tryon was the Lieutenant that he said Husband at the time of his entering the service as aforesaid resided at Goshen in said County that she is from old age & loss of recollection unable to state with certainty the several tours of service performed by him & at the places at which his service was done, but she recollects of having heard her said husband in his life time speak of his revolutionary service in that he had served at Fort Montgomery & b Fort Clinton & on the western frontiers at Peenpack & along the Shawangunk Mountain and that she well recollects that he said husband was often absent in service after they were married.

She further declares that she was married to the said Eliud Tryon on the second day of October in the year 1779 at Goshen aforesaid by the Rev. Nathan Kerr that her name before marriage was Bethia Aldrich. That her said husband the said Eliud Tryon died some time in the month of October in the year 1791, and that she was afterwards married to Nathaniel Bailey who died sometime in the month of April in the year 1816 and that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

And that she has no documentary evidence of the services of her said husband the said Eliud Tryon. (Signed with her mark) Bethia Tailey

Sworn to & Subscribed on the day & year above written before me.

Letter in folder dated August 1, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Lieutenant Eliud Tryon, who died in Goshen, New York, in 1791.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.16183, based upon service of Eliud Tryon in the Revolutionary War.

Eliud Tryon resided in Goshen, Orange County, New York, at the time of the Revolutionary War. His age and the date and place of his birth were not given.

He enlisted in 1775, and served three months as sergeant in Captain John Little's company, Colonel McClaughrey's New York regiment, in the vicinity of Fort Montgomery. He was commissioned February 26, 1778, lieutenant in Captain David

Sweazy's company, Colonel William Allison's regiment of New York troops, served seven month[s] at Fort Dewitt, and served in that capacity on various tours until the fall of 1782.

Lieutenant Eliud Tryon died in October 1791.

He married October 2, 1779, in Goshen, New York, Bethia Aldrich, who was born May 16, 1752; the names of her parents were not stated. They were married by Nathaniel Kerr, Presbyterian Minister, of Goshen.

Bethiah Tryon this officer's widow, married September 9, 1798 in Goshen, New York, Nathaniel Bailey; Nathaniel's first wife, Margaret, died about Mary 15, 1798, her maiden name not given. Nathaniel Bailey died April 19, 1816.

Bethia Bailey applied September 23, 1837 for the pension which was due on account of service of her first husband, Eliud Tryon, in the Revolutionary War. She resided them in Mount Hope, Orange County, New York. Pension was allowed.

January 6, 1838, Eliud son of the above noted officer, resided in Wallkill, Orange County, New York. He gave his age then as sixty-one years, but did not state the name of his mother.

In November 1837, Columbia Bailey, son of Nathaniel Bailey by his first wife, Margaret, resided in Minisink, New York. In 1838, Daniel Bailey, lagged eighty years, resided I Wallkill, Orange County, New York; he had served in the Revolutionary War at the same time Lieutenant Eliud Tryon served. No relationship to the family of Nathaniel and Bethia Bailey was stated.