

Elias Newton (11 Aug 1756 – 17 Sep 1811) Patriot # P-255982
Fifer / Soldier, 5th Company, 2nd Connecticut Continental Regiment

When Elias Newton was born on August 11, 1756, his father James Newton was 35 and his mother Hannah Downs Newton was 32. The family lived then in Colchester, New London, Connecticut. Among his siblings were John, Dorothy, William, Lydia, Israel, and Lois.

In May of 1777 Elias joined the patriot cause and enlisted in Captain Ichabod Hinkley's company for a term of three years. On December 20 that same year he wed Ms. Alice Stimson (b. 1758). During his enlistment he performed as both a private and a fifer; seeing service both at Valley Forge and Monmouth. He is listed on the rolls in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment, Continental Line. At times this was known as Sage's or Wylly's Regiment. His term completed, he left the service on May 20, 1780.

In 1800, the Newton family removed from Connecticut to Ohio. Among the children were Elizabeth, Cynthia, Alice, Lydia, and Oren. Here, near Rodney or Clay, Ohio, Elias Newton passed away on September 17, 1811. Elias Newton's grave is found in the Hamar Cemetery near Marietta in Washington County, Ohio and remarks on his service in the Revolutionary War. His widow Alice was allowed a pension in 1837 for the years he served as a private and musician in the Continental Line.

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