In the Matter of the Petition

of

SUSANNAH S. AMORY

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State of New York County of Albany

Donna Scranton , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 23rd day of November , 1976, she served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Susannah S.

Amory (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows: Susannah S. Amory
Ox Pasture Road

Southampton, New York 11968

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representatives of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

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STATE OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

November 23, 1976

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

457-3850

TELEPHONE: (518).

Susannah S. Amory Ox Pasture Road Southampton, New York 11968

Dear Ms. Amory:

Please take notice of the DECISION of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(*) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Paul 3. Coburn Supervising tax Hearing officer

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22, Of the Tax Law for the Years 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Petitioner, Susannah S. Amory, Ox Pasture Road, Southampton, New York 11968, filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1966, 1967 and 1968. (File No. 11246).

Petitioner waived, in writing, a formal hearing. The case was submitted to the State Tax Commission for a decision based on information contained in the file.

ISSUE

Whether the expenses incurred in maintaining petitioner's Southampton home are deductible.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Susannah S. Amory, and her husband, Harcourt
 Amory, timely **filed** New York State income tax returns and Federal income
 tax returns for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968.
- 2. On September 14, 1972, a Statement of Audit Changes was issued against Harcourt Amory based on unreported Federal Audit Changes.

 Accordingly, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$2,557.00, plus interest of \$661.08, for a total of \$3,218.08.

- 3. Harcourt Amory died in 1969.
- 4. The petitioner paid the Notice of Deficiency on November 8, 1972 and filed a claim for refund on July 3, 1973.
- 5. Petitioner, Susannah S. Amory, and her deceased husband owned a home in Southampton, New York, and rented an apartment at 45 Sutton Place South, New York, New York. Petitioner sub-leased the New York City Apartment and was allowed deductions for maintenance expenses to the extent of rental income for the years in issue.
- 6. The property owned by petitioner in Southampton is a 14 room, 100 year old house with 31/2 acres of land, four gardens, a swimming pool, two driveways and extensive shrubbery. Petitioner and her husband purchased the property in 1960. They renovated the house in preparation for retirement to Southampton.
- 7. For personal reasons, in 1964, the house was listed for rent with real estate brokers. The nature and location of the property made it prime for summer rental. During the years 1966, 1967 and 1968, the property produced \$3,000.00 per year as income from summer rental. Petitioner, Susannah S. Amory, has also listed the property for sale since her husband's death.
- 8. To maintain the property, petitioner employed a full-time gardener and helpers. The expense for this was approximately \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.
- 9. No amended **claim** was filed with the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the claim of rental expenses in excess of rental income.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the petitioner, Susannah S. Amory, has failed to submit documentary or other proof to substantiate her claim for expenses incurred on the Southampton property. It has not been shown that the expenses incurred were ordinary and necessary for the production of the rental income.
- B. That the petitioner's claim for refund for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 is therefore denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

November 23, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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