

Pension Application for Enoch Coddington

S.12560

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this fourteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Nathaniel P. Hill one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the county of Orange aforesaid Enoch Coddington a resident of the Town of Newburgh in said County and State aged eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted for six months in the company commanded by Cap. Lyon in the year 1775 as he thinks in the regiment commanded by Col. Ridgemoor at a place called Chatham on the Passaic River in the State of New Jersey. That thence four weeks after he enlisted the company to which he belonged went up the North River to Albany by water and after staying there a few days marched to a place called half moon near called Waterford in the State of New York and from thence to beaver point and from thence in boats to Isle au noix in the outlet of lake Champlain where they were joined by some troops from New England and remained there some weeks from thence marched to St. John's in Lower Canada and encamped within about one mile of the place.

That the troops were then encamped some weeks besieging the fort and finally took the fort by storm. That the troops on that occasion took several [?] prisoners English and Canadians. That he was detached as one of the guard to convey the prisoners to Kingston in the County of Ulster and State of New York which they did so except the Canadian prisoners who were only brought as far as Ticonderoga and then they were commanded to be taken back.

That from Kingston he proceeded on his return home to New Jersey but on arriving at Newburgh he learned that his mother had moved up in to said Ulster County, (now that part of it called Orange County.) He proceeded no further but went to his mother and staid there the ensuing month that his six months for which he enlisted [enlisted] was then out except a day or so and it was about Christmas.

That in the year 1776 he enlisted for six months in the company commanded by Cap John Nichols and were stationed the greater part of the time at Peekskill in the county of Westchester in the State of New York on the east side of the Hudson River and employed on fatigue building barracks and forts & was occasionally at Fort Montgomery a few days at a time.

That he was discharged in the fall in cold weather when his period of six months was up. That there were but a few companies at Peekskill.

That in the year 1780 as he thinks he went out into service as a substitute for a class for a period of five months and served in the company commanded by Captain Drake—does not recollect who commanded the Regiment—that he first went to West Point and afterwards to Albany and then to Fort Rensselaer on the Mohawk River when then were taken a few companies—that while he was at Fort Rensselaer Cap. Drake went on to Fort Stanwix, that he was in an engagement with the Indians and Regulars and took our [?] field piece—the attack was effected by fording the river at night.

There were some hundred of Indians who joined the American troops after the skirmish marched back to Fort Rensselaer and staid there till two weeks after his time was out—was furnished a discharge when they should get to Schenectady but not sure.

That in the years 1777 and 1778 he was often and frequently out in service as a militia man at West Point and Fort Montgomery and other places along the North River—that he was at Fort Montgomery at the time it was taken by the English – that he then resided in the State of New York.

That in the Spring of 1779 he returned to New Jersey and during that summer and fall was frequently out in service as a militiaman under Cap. Freeman at Woodbridge & Elizabethtown.

That his said services in the years 1777-1778 & 1779 as above stated as a militiaman was at least nine months in the whole.

And in answer to the interrogatories put by the war department he states that he was born on the 8th of May 1750 at Raway in the State of New Jersey—that there is a record of his age in a bible in the possession of his sister at [?] in said county & state—that at the time of the services herein stated he resided in the State of New Jersey and New York as stated in two depositions and that since the Revolution he has resided in said county of Orange and principally in the Town of Newburgh where he now resides.

That he enlisted twice in the service for a period of six months each time and served as a substitute once for a class as stated in said Declaration and that his other services were on his own account as a militiaman.

That Gen. Montgomery commanded in the expedition to St. Johns – that John Heard was a general in the New Jersey militia—others not recollected that he never had a written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Enoch Coddington.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Nath'l P. Hill. One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.

Letter in folder dated September 1, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of several soldiers with surname Coddington (variously spelled), of New York state.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land which have been made to the United States based upon service in that war.

The Revolutionary War records have been searched and no record found of such claims having been made on account of the service of William Coddington, Joseph Coddington and Jacob Coddington. The record of only one Benjamin Coddington and that of only one Enoch Coddington have been found. Their records are furnished you herein as found in their respective claims for pension. All spellings of the surname were used in the search of records.

This office does not have lists of persons who served on various ships during the Revolutionary War. It would seem that such information might be obtained from the Navy Department, this city.

Enoch Coddington

S.10468

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10468, based upon the military service of Enoch Coddington in that war.

Enoch Coddington was born May 8, 1750 at Rahway, New Jersey. The names of parents are not shown in papers in the pension claim.

While residing at Chatham “on the Passaic River in the State of New Jersey”, he enlisted in 1775, exact date not shown, served in Captain Lyon’s Company, Colonel Ridgemore’s New Jersey Regiment, marched to Canada was at the taking of Fort St. John’s in Lower Canada, after which he was detached and guarded the prisoners taken at that place to Kingston, New York, and then started for his home in New Jersey, but on reaching Newburgh, learned that during his absence, his mother had moved to Ulster (that part which was later Orange) County, New York and he accordingly went to her home, reaching there about Christmas, having served six months; he again enlisted in 1776, exact date not shown, served in captain John Nichols’ New York company, and was stationed at Peekskill and Fort Montgomery; during the years 1777 and 1778, he was frequently called out and served at West Point and Fort Montgomery and was at the last named fort when it was captured; names of his officers and dates of service are not given; in the spring of 1779, he returned to New Jersey, and during the summer

and fall of that years, he was frequently called out on tours under Captain freeman in the New Jersey Troops; he stated that his entire service in 1777, 1776, and 1779 amounted to at least nine months; in 1780, he again enlisted and served five months in Captain Drake's Company, was stationed at Fort Rensselaer, went to Fort Stanwix and was in an engagement with the Indians.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 14, 1832, while residing in Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

It is not stated that soldier was ever married.

He died January 31, 1834, place not shown.

In 1832, soldier's sister, her name not given, was residing in Goshen, New York. There are no further family data.

Benjamin Coddington

S.10468

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10468, based upon the military service of Benjamin Coddington in that war.

Benjamin Coddington was born November 10, 1759, in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

While living in Elizabethtown, Essex County, New Jersey, he enlisted in the spring of 1776 and served at various times whenever called upon, to the close of the Revolution, as a private under Captains Sears, and Asher F. Randolph, Major Hayes and Colonels Jacob Crane and Crow in the New Jersey Troops, and as a privateer (entering at Brunswick, New Jersey) under Captain Marriner and John Storey. He was in the battles of Hackensack, Springfield, Woodbridge, in which battle he was wounded by three musket balls in his right leg and at Connecticut Farms; also during his sea service was in several engagements, assisting in capturing more than one prize and over one hundred prisoners.

He was pensioned from April 25, 1812, on account of disability resulting from the above named wound.

In 1834, he was a resident of Allegany County, Maryland, where he had lived since 1785.

He died prior to march 14, 1851.

The name of soldier's wife is not given. Two sons, Joseph Coddington, living in Selbysport, Allegany County, Maryland, in 1851 and Jont Coddington are referred to. The names of no other children are shown.

In 1836, soldier's brother, Samuel Coddington, was aged seventy years and made affidavit in Allegany County, Maryland.