

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Asher R297 <sup>1</sup>  
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State of Missouri County of Reynolds: SS

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1856 personally appeared before me James Arnold a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Crawford and State of Missouri David Asher a resident of Reynolds County in the State of Missouri aged 97 years the tenth day of June next who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That he entered or enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit

That he volunteered on or about the last of March A.D. 1780 on Watauga River in the County of State of North Carolina under Captain James Rodey alias Roddey [James Roddy] and Colonel Hardin [Joseph Harden]. That he resided in said County of Burke at the time he entered the service of the United States. That he marched through the country west of the Blue Ridge on the waters of the Watauga River and the waters of New River. That he served the United States for the term of three years in driving back the Indians; That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That Jacob Alexander was his Lieutenant. That he is so infirm with old age that he cannot go to court to make this declaration.

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 or if of any only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

S/ David Asher, X his mark

[Nelson Addams, a clergyman resident in Washington County Missouri and William Warren of Reynolds County Missouri gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded and answers to the same by David Asher

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Answer In the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1759

2<sup>nd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service

Answer In the County of Burke North Carolina

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where he lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I moved from Burke County North Carolina to Grainger County Tennessee but before I moved to Tennessee had become a State & the County of Burke was included in the State of Tennessee and the part of Burke County that I lived in was organized into the County of Washington in the State of Tennessee. From Grainger County I moved to Anderson County Tennessee from Anderson County I moved to Rone [Roane] County Tennessee. That I moved from Rone County to Washington County

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<sup>1</sup> See B.L.Reg. 311837-55 in which application for pension is shown also

Missouri about 20 years ago and now reside in the County of Reynolds in the State of Missouri.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service

Answer. I volunteered

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served &c

Answer. I served under Captain James Rodey, Alex Roddey and Colonel Harden my Lieutenant was Jacob Alexander & served west of the Blue Bridge North Carolina now Tennessee

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I think that Lieutenant Jacob Alexander gave me a discharge but I do not know what has become of it now.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Gammon Wix, Ex Sheriff of Reynolds County, Mrs. Nimrod Mason, William Reace, J. P., Thomas Harrison (Sheriff Reynolds County Missouri), Wodson Minor, Neal McMullen (JP), Steanen Robinett, Wesley Dun, Charles Asher, James Asher, James Cox, John Barton, James Clemens, Ambrose Sampson, Richard Gregory, Allen Satterfield, Thomas Lawson, Road Barton, William Addams  
Address of the above named person is Centerville Reynolds County Missouri

State of Missouri County of Dent: SS

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1859 personally appeared before me G. C. Murray a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid David Asher aged one hundred three a resident of Reynolds County in the State of Missouri who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical David Asher who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain \_\_\_ or severe in the \_\_\_ Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Cornel Hardy or Medorral in the revolutionary war Declared by United States against Great Britain that he enlisted at Tate's Mill Burke County North Carolina on or about the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_ for the term of three months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Tate's Mill North Carolina on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_ he makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1855 he also declares that he has not received a warrant for Bounty Land under this or any other act of Congress but did make application some years ago by Arnell attorney at law

S/ David Asher, X his mark

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Department

I C. H. Brogden, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of Record in my office among the payments made by this State to sundry persons for Militia service in the Revolutionary War as follows:

David Asher

Indent No. 1143      £4 – specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at the City of Raleigh, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1857.

S/ C. H. Brogden, Comptroller North Carolina

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Another Version

**Pension Application of David Asher**, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 82, Application #R279

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Reynolds County, Missouri, May 28, 1850, David Asher, aged 97 years:

“That he enlisted on or about the **last of March 1780** on Watauga River in the County of Burke, in the state of North Carolina under Captain James Rodey, alias Roddey, and Colonel Hardin. That he resided in said County of Burke at the time he entered the service of the United States. That he marched through the country west of the Blue Ridge on the waters of the Watauga River and the waters of New *[Neuse?]* River. That he served the United States for the term of three years in deriving back the Indians... That Jacob Elexander *[Alexander]* was his lieutenant. That he is so infirm with old age that he cannot go to court to make this declaration.”

6th interrogatory-Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? If so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I think that Lieutenant Jacob Alexander gave me a discharge, but I do not know what has become of it.

County of Reynolds, Missouri, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1855: David Asher, aged 103 years:

“Declares that he is the identical David Asher who was a private in the company commanded by Captain \_\_\_\_ or Sevier in the \_\_\_\_- regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Hardy or McDowell in the Revolutionary War, declared by the United States against Great Britain. That he enlisted at Tate’s mill, Burke County, North Carolina on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 17\_\_ for the term of three months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of said months and was honorably discharged at Tate’s Mill, North Carolina on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 17\_\_.”