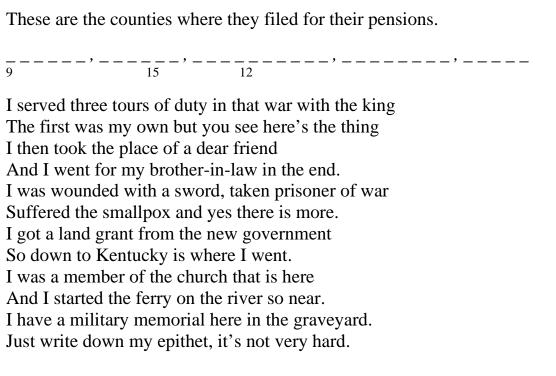
The View from the Pulpit

A quest at the Old Mulkey Meetinghouse State Historic Site Tompkinsville, KY

The minutes from this congregation have survived and a copy of them in the gift shop you'll find. They were written on lambskin with pokeberry ink But to read the writing is hard, don't you think? If you read the page dated April 12, 1804 You'll find the first meetinghouse couldn't hold anymore. A committee was appointed to oversee construction of the meetinghouse that you now see. On May 11, 1804 the committee came back with a plan... Joint shingles, five windows, three doors, oh man! Within that entry the dimensions you'll find Write them here while they are still on your mind.

Go back out the door and move toward the top
At the entrance of the park is where you will stop.
When you enter the park a plaque you will see
the information there is all about me.
I was born Daniel's sister as you can see
but that isn't all you should know about me.
I was a friend to the Mulkey's ... Elizabeth and kids lived with me
while waiting for John to sell the farm in North Caroliny.
My first husband died, his body found years later in a hollow tree
then I married a Pennington and we had children aplenty.
My name is Hannah as you should know
Write my granddaughters names in the blanks below.

Head down the road past the pavilion please go
Enter the cemetery there are things here to know.
The graves in old cemeteries face to the east
But this cemetery has one exception at least.
There are several markers that are facing south
I want you to know what that's all about.
There are real graves around you can see
But this area is set aside commemoratively.
To honor the soldiers of the American Revolution



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Fresh air and squirrels running around
Dogwood blossoms and leaves on the ground.
What will your memory of Old Mulkey be?
Whatever else I hope it includes me.
I was buried here in a family plot
But the people around me were my family NOT.
They loved me enough to give me this nice grave
But they didn't deny that I was their slave.

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When you visit the Meetinghouse peace you will find And the answer to the question that's now on my mind. Look around you there are twelve corners to see And some brand new benches thanks to the ATC. There is one thing missing if you ask me That's a way to keep warm when the temperatures freeze. If you read the brochure the one that is green You'll find a plan for heat can be seen. The men built a fire outside Now you write down what the women provide.

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People wonder why the church was built here.
And I always reply because water was near.
They needed a place to do their baptizing
Without having to do a lot more walking or riding.
I'm not going to make you take that walk
Cause I need you here so we can finish our talk.
People were baptized if joining the church was their wish
Then their name would be added to the list.
You might have noticed it in the old minutes
But you'll see another if you are attentive.
Write down the family names you find there
The last one in each column if you don't care.

John Mulkey was a man of conviction
To turn his back on years of tradition
His father and grandfather did lots of preachin'
And each of them followed the Baptist teachin'.
But John's belief changed while he was talkin'
And he left the path they had been walkin'
He went from Baptist to Church of Christ
And followed that path the rest of his life.
Stand in the pulpit as he once did
Look toward the heavens, raise up your hands.
I hope you see angels up there in the rafters
But the number of crossbeams is what I'm really after.

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You've done great and the quest you've completed. Locating the treasure is the last thing that's needed. Fill in the blanks with the correct numbered letter Go out the east door and you'll see it better. Look behind it if you don't mind Down at your feet the treasure you'll find.