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Old Mulkey Meeting House, built in 1804, is the oldest church on the southern border of Kentucky, east of Big Barren River. It is also significant both as one of Kentucky's earliest log churches and for its unusual construction features - its twelve-sided construction and its lack of a fireplace.

This area was settled by Baptists from North and South Carolina, who began holding religious services in their homes in 1773. Later they acquired six acres of land on the banks of Mill Creek, about two hundred yards from the present site and built the first log structure. Philip Mulkey was their first minister.

In the early 1800's a religious revival swept through Kentucky, with all-day sings and meetings that lasted for weeks. By 1803 the congregation of the Mill Creek Church had grown to a total of 125 members. Feeling the need for a larger building, they built Old Mulkey Meeting House in 1804. The twelve-sided building did not have a fireplace. For warmth they placed their feet in large bags that contained heated stones and warmed themselves at an outdoor fire that was tended by the men who took turns guarding against Indian attack. Daniel Boone's sister, Hannah Boone Stewart Pennington, was widowed by Indians who killed her first husband, John Stewart. After she died in 1828, she was buried in the cemetery adjacent to Old Mulkey Meeting House.

A split developed in the church in 1809 when John Mulkey, the pastor was accused of heresy. Of the two hundred members of the congregation, one hundred and fifty, including Hannah Boone Pennington, sided with John Mulkey. After this split the meeting house went by the name of "Old Mulkey." For a number of years after this the church grew and prospered. Segregation was not a problem in this church; they had both white and black members. In later years the church was repeatedly split into factions and ceased to function around 1885. Presently, it is a Kentucky State Shrine.

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