



Old Brentsville Jail

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Men were mustered into the Confederate Army just outside the Brentsville jail, built in the early 1820s and later used during the Civil War. The county records, some of which bore the signatures of George Washington

and Lord Fairfax, were neglectfully kept on the floor in two-foot stacks, and later were either snatched up by Union souvenir hunters or eventually destroyed by the elements.