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From: Wilson, Donald L
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 4:59 PM
To: Hanafin, Brendon C.
Cc: Como, Patricia E; Veness, Beverly R
Subject: RE: Union Church

Brendon - We have a file folder with information in our Historic Sites File (similar to what the Planning Office has), to which we have added some news clippings. The VHLC (VDHR) survey form is dated 1980. Before 1871, the land was part of the Brentsville tavern lot. In 1871 it was sold to the trustees of the Brentsville Union (or Pentacostal) Church: Aylett Nicol, Austin B. Weedon, A. M. Herschey, James F. Clarke, J. B. Reid, and George W. Saxsmith. The survey is mostly an architectural description.

We also have a file folder of information collected by Jan Cunard for the Brentsville Historic Trust. Mostly odds and ends of notes, some of it copied from the VDHR file, but there are additional items. Includes an article about Gladys Eanes who lived (in 1997) across from the church and was associated with it as early as 1948. I think Mrs. Eanes was still living there when I went on the Brentsville tour last year.

To learn more about the history of the congregation(s), successor churches would need to be contacted or archives found. It does not appear that the State Archives has records of this church. My understanding was that the church was used simultaneously (at different hours or days) by more than one white Protestant denomination. An examination of property transfers and other legal documents might clarify its history. The land records since 1918 are accessible to you directly at eRecording (on Mydesktop, the Intranet).

Let me know if we can be of further help.

Don

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From: Hanafin, Brendon C.
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 3:44 PM
To: Wilson, Donald L
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Don,

Do you have any information on the history of the Union Church at Brentsville? We have the write up from Past to Preserve but I was hoping for more information. We can send someone out to do the research if needed.

Thanks,
 Brendon

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