

HISTORY.

The history of ^(the founding of) this church parallels
the history of the original tract
from which ^{the town of} Brentsville & ~~50 acres~~ was
was formed. ~~in 1820~~. Brentsville is
situated on the eastern corner of a
30,000 - acre tract granted in ~~1649~~ 1686-87
by England's ^{exited} ~~Charles II~~ to James II. to
George Brent, Richard Foote, Robert Bristow,
and Nicholas Hayward. The grant was designated
as a religious ~~sanct~~ haven for people of
all faiths. Brentsville Union Church,
established almost 300 years after the
Brent Town tract was granted, was
founded as a church to be used by different
~~multiple~~ religious ~~denom~~ denominations.

In 1871, George M. Goodwin sold to the Trustees* of Union Church in Brentsville the 50' x 50' part of the old tavern lot for the erection of a church "for the use of the Congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church south, the Presbyterian Episcopalian, the New and both branches of the old school Baptist Churches, worshipping at Brentsville." (Deed ref. book 48, p. 472, Prince William County Courthouse.)

~~It is possible that an earlier church on this parcel served as the replacement of the Broad Run Church, erected for the upper Dettingen Parish in 1752-54,~~

* Trustees of the Brentsville Union Church were Aylett Nicol, Austin B. Weedon, A. M. Herschey, James F. Clarke, J. B. Reid, and George W. Saxsmith.

but supposedly ~~is~~ replaced by a
small chapel in Brentsville after the
turn of the 18th century.