

History

The Brentsville jail was probably built at the same time as the Courthouse, beside which the jail sits. The architecture though is plainer than the courthouse, and it is not known whether William Clayton, credited as the architect of the Courthouse also designed the jail.

Since 1892, when the County seat was moved to Manassas, thus making the Brentsville government complex obsolete, this house has been used as a residence and as offices. It is now owned by the Prince William County Park Authority which acquired it ~~from the~~ in 1979 from the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. The Board had purchased it in 1964 from Walter R. Hedrick, Jr. Hedrick had received the house and about 1 acre ~~for~~ in 1954 from Walter R. and Lucy Hedrick.