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We start with the following property of an invertible matrix:

$$BB^{-1} = I,$$

where I is the identity matrix.

Taking the transpose of both sides:

$$(BB^{-1})^{\top} = I^{\top}.$$

Using the property of transposes for matrix multiplication, $(AB)^{\top} = B^{\top}A^{\top}$, this becomes:

$$(B^{-1})^{\top}B^{\top} = I^{\top}.$$

Since the transpose of the identity matrix is itself ($I^{\top} = I$), we have:

$$(B^{-1})^{\top}B^{\top} = I.$$

Because B is symmetric, $B^{\top} = B$, so:

$$(B^{-1})^{\top}B = I.$$

By the definition of the inverse, this implies:

$$(B^{-1})^{\top} = B^{-1}.$$

Thus, B^{-1} is symmetric. ■