When the new Country between the Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers was opened up for settlement in 1801, a large part of it was made the new county of Baldwin. A new road was built to Athens through what is now Putnam County and a Stage Coach was operated from Milledgeville, the new Capital, to Athens and Northeast Georgia.

In the fall of 1810, (Putnam County having been formed of part of Baldwin in 1807) William E. Pritchard and Thomas Johnston built a little log Church on this Stage Line. We imagine that it was covered with clap-boards held on with pine poles, with puncheon floor, and large rock chimney at one end. This was the typical Methodist "Meeting House," as the early Churches of that denomination were called.

The little Church was named Concord and the first Preacher was Drury Powell. It was placed on the Sparta Circuit with Dr. Lovick Pierce, father of the Bishop, Presiding Elder. In 1812 it was put on the Cedar Creek Circuit where it remained until about 1840. Then the new Putnam Circuit was formed with Concord, Ararat, Post Oak, (which I believe was what is now Union Chapel), Texas, Stanfordville, and Elizabeth (now Wesley Chapel), and perhaps some others.

In the year 1879 or '80, Putnam was divided into the East and West Putnam Circuits, and Concord was put on the East Putnam. About the year 1900 or 1901, with a few weak Churches in the far western part of the County, Concord was put on the New Putnam Circuit, which was a failure from the beginning. A few years later, about 1911, Concord was again put on the East Putnam, where it properly belongs.

Concord has been a very strong Church in the past with Harrisons, Arnolds, Baughs, Whites, Wilsons, and many others forming its membership; but deaths, removal and other causes have weakened it until now its membership is small. But it is by no means to be considered a weak Church, as one of our Pastors said a few years ago when someone spoke of Concord as a weak Church - "What?", he said, "Concord a weak Church? It is one of the strongest Churches on the Charge!".

The membership began to grow about 1930, and from then on shows a steady increase, though there has been an offset in some degree by deaths of some of our leading members, and removal of a few others.
The major portion of this article was copied from papers written by the late B. A. Bustin, the brother of this writer. It was probably written in the '20's, that was at the time when Concord had a very low record of membership. The building was badly out of repair. This was remedied to some extent, showing a much better appearance, and now we have a good prospect of getting it put in a first-class condition before too long.

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