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FAIRMOUNT METHODIST CHURCH
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The Methodist Church was established in Fairmount in the early 1870's. The first Methodist services were held in the Masonic Hall and were conducted by a Rev. W. G. Hanson, whose parsonage was at Sonora, now Sonoraville, Gordon County.

The first church building was made of logs and located on an acre of land given to the Methodist Church by Judge Rice Ramsaur. This acre was located on Land Lot No. 77 in the present town of Fairmount.

The charter members of Fairmount M. E. Church South were: Andrew Jackson Hucherson and his son, Jimmie, who later became a preacher; Dr. David Ramsaur, Miss Sallie Ramsaur, Mrs. Henry Ramsaur Williams, Mrs. Thomas Carter (Adaline), Mrs. Laura Carter Hudgins, Mr. A. L. Warlick, Mr. J. G. B. Erwin and family, Mr. Henry Erwin and his wife, who was Delia Harlan, and William (Billie) Loyd, and others. Several of these came from other denominations, but the descendants of practically every family are still ardent Methodist.

Before so very long, a commodious church was built and in 1886 a parsonage was bought. Then a preacher was stationed here and a circuit was formed. Sometimes there were six churches and a junior preacher.

Fairmount Church was on the Mission Board during a long period. Indeed, until 1915, even though Methodist influence was predominant in this section, this charge received help from the Mission Board.

In 1892 and 1893, through the influence and enthusiasm of Pastor B. H. Trammel, and Presiding Elder H. J. Adams, the neighborhood built a large six-room schoolhouse. It was located on a nine-acre tract of land donated by J. M. Veach to the Methodist Church. Mr. Veach lived at Adairsville and during the intervening years had acquired the Rice Ramsaur farm. This plot surrounded the original one-acre plot on which the Methodist church stood. The Church building was moved to the north-west corner of the Veach plot.

On the original one-acre plot, a most beautiful building was erected by the children of John W. Stanton and wife as a memorial to their parents. This building contained a library, Music and Art rooms, a small Auditorium, Society Halls, etc.

Fairmount College began work as a chartered college in January 1894. Rev. Joseph Astor Sharp was president, and under his splendid management the college did a most wonderful work.

After several years of great constructive work, Fairmount College realized that it had served "It's Day," and the entire property was sold. One-third of the land went to the Fairmount School District. The remainder was sold and the proceeds used in building a new church building on a lot donated by the P. M. Tate estate. (\$5.00 consideration of deal). This lot was nearer the heart of the new town that had grown up since the coming of the railroad.

Fairmount Church now is housed in a fairly commodious building. It is a brick veneer building with basement and a balcony. It's present day value is \$40,000. The structure was erected in 1924 under the leadership of Rev. R. I. Johnson, its Pastor. The building committee was: Mrs. Edna F. Tate, Chm., Miss Maude Erwin, Treas; P. N. Henderson, sec., N. A. Hamrick, L. P. Harris, J. P. Wormack and L. S. Vincent.

The first Sunday School in our community was organized in the old Baptist Church, by Mr. Millican, a devout Presbyterian. This was probably several years before the War Between the States. Out of this Sunday School our Methodist Church School grew.

James Ramsaur, the son of Rice Ramsaur, went from Fairmount to become a Methodist minister.

Fairmount's Woman Society of Christian Service is the second oldest society in the North Georgia Conference. Shortly after it was organized it purchased one share of stock in the Lackie Rankin Hospital, owned by the Sunbeam Society in Shanghai, China. The society today has twenty-one active members.

Our parsonage has been thoroughly renovated and has all modern conveniences. The parsonage is the care of the entire charge.

Though our church is a half-station, we are part of a charge consisting of four other smaller churches among which two Sundays are divided.

Our Church contributed for all caused this year \$5581. The Church has no debts and is amply insured.