In the records of St. Paul's Church, we do not find a date earlier than 1858, in which year Rev. F. F. Reynolds was Pastor; also, another Pastor was named at the same date, Rev. J. S. Means. The first Church building was erected about that date, according to members of the old families who lived near and worshipped there. This building stood on an acre of land given by one "Grandpa" Chapman, on what is now the Sparta Highway not far from Oconee Baptist Church, on the opposite side of the road. The cemetery is there, where so many of those old people were buried. The work on the Church was done by the Little brothers, William and Kinchon.

On the old roll of membership, there are the names of Little, Bonner, Hawkins, Gregory, Johnson, DeJarnette, Adams, Haley, Jones, and many others. This record gives the name of the first Presiding Elder, as he was called then, as T. F. Pierce, though this was twenty one years later than the first Pastor recorded. In most cases, the Church records have become too worn for use and most of the records have been transferred to new books, perhaps causing omission to be made.

St. Paul's was in the northern part of the large district of Rockville, and at the same time there was another Methodist Church in the southern part of the district known as New Hope. This was a flourishing Church at one time, but as time brought changes, the membership grew smaller and the two Churches united to form the New St. Paul, which was built on land given by the late Prof. F. G. Branch and Mrs. Branch. This Church was completed in 1897 and stands near the school house of Rockville, which at that time was a large school of about 200 pupils. There was also a flourishing village growing up around the school and Church.

We have heard from older people that the East Putnam Parsonage was a two-story building which stood where Mrs. Annie Lou Carson now lives. She had the old house torn down a few years ago to build a modern home. Some of the shining lights of the North Georgia Conference once lived there, including Miles W. Arnold, John W. Knight, and others.

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