

The private school taught by George Boxley was the first educational institution in the township, and the only one, until 1838. In that year, a subscription was secured for the purpose of conducting a school during the winter, and Mrs. Pierce was employed as teacher. The schoolhouse was a log cabin which stood on land then owned by Mr. Jessup, of Hendricks County, Ind. After this date, schools were taught at various places in the township every winter, the money for their maintenance being secured by a tuition fee charged for each scholar. This method was in vogue until after the passage of the school law of 1851-52, under the provisions of which the township schools are now conducted. The first building under the new regime, was erected at Boxley in 1854, and during the following year, similar buildings were erected in other school districts of the township, the trustees erecting buildings according to the enumeration of children, until each district was supplied. In 1874, the members of Spicewood Meeting, feeling an interest in the cause of public education, erected a high school, at an expense of \$1,400, to which they gave the name of "Spicewood School." S. W. Cook, Jesse Mills and Paris Cox were the Trustees. It was conducted as a private institution until 1878, when it was purchased by the Township Trustee, J. B. Bradfield. The school is now sustained by the public money of the township, with the addition of a guarantee fund, made up by those interested in educational matters. Prof. John Pennington is the Principal for the ensuing term.