

# Spicer

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## *Spicer School District # 17*

From Tennessee School Centennial Book, 1989



*This photo shows the new Spicer School, built in 1928 at a cost of \$2,500.*

Land for the Spicer School was purchased on July 11, 1853 from Raymond Burkhart. The school district was organized in July of 1854. Members of the first school board were R.S. Burkhart, Samuel Hardman, and Johnathan Wassom. No additional information is available until the 1906-07 school year. This was the first year for an eight-month school and the teacher was E.G. Morgason. There were 27 students enrolled that year, and the school had been valued at \$500, plus \$75 for furniture. We also know that the following year the teacher (still E.G. Morgason) received a salary of \$48 per month. The 1907-08 school year was the first year for 9th grade at the school.

In 1928 a new school (above) was built. The district borrowed \$2,500 for the construction, with the agreement to pay it back at \$500 per year to Bob Wilson.

There is considerable information in the Centennial Book for the years 1906 through consolidation in 1959. For most years there is the name of the teacher, board chairman, and clerk along with the annual budget and frequently the salary for the teacher and clerk. There are also student lists for most years from 1907 to 1958.

**It appears that Spicer students were bussed to Tennessee School for the 1958-59 school year. The district purchased a bus from Hoeck Chevrolet Company for \$4,975.19, and gas for the bus cost 29½ cents per gallon. In February of 1959 the district voted to consolidate with Tennessee, and in March the district closed its bank account and transferred a cash balance of \$4,580.85 to Tennessee.**