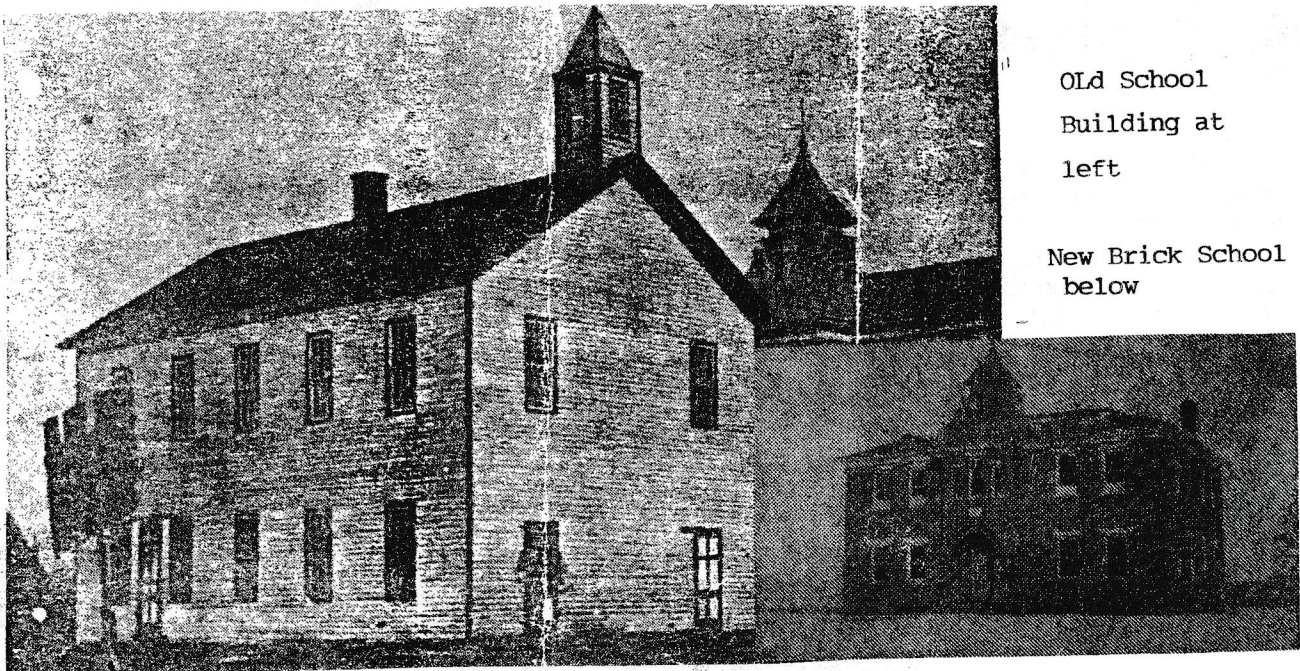As you will note, George Washington **Monical**, whose wife was Hannah **Brewer**, and son Moses, settled in the township in Sec. 17 about 1843. In 1852, he gave ground to be laid out the village of Georgetown. George insisted on calling the new town 'Edinburg' but the name was later changed to Georgetown by the residents of the town who wanted it so called in his honor. It was known as Georgetown until about the 1880's, when it was discovered that there was already a Georgetown in Illinois and the name had to be changed. So the town took on the name of the township, Bible Grove.

As was earlier mentioned, Bible Grove township residents were religiously inclined and there was as many as five churches. They were the Methodist Episcopal Church organized in 1843; The Christian Church, organized in the 1870's; and the remaining three - Mount Olive Church, German Episcopal Church and the German Evangelical Church of Christ.

In 1856, George and Hannah **Monical** deeded lot 42 in Georgetown to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the first church was of brick at a cost of $800.

The first school taught in the township was built by Nelson **Vickrey** and the **Brooks** family on land owned by Henry **Brooks** in 1844. George **Monical** and his wife provided the ground for the New Georgetown School in 1859. A son-in-law of the **Monicals**, Samuel **Fox**, was the first teacher there. It was a subscription school where parents paid so much per pupil, per month to pay the teacher's salary.

This school was replaced by a two-story frame building in 1868 at the cost of $1700. Josiah **Harmon** and A. M. **Rose** were teachers to about 130 pupils. By 1910 a still larger building was needed so a brick building was erected directly behind the frame school.

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New Brick School
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