

but there was a window and a door at the side and that door led into the kitchen, sitting room and dining room - one big room with a large chimney at one end. There was a big bed in one corner and a little trundle bed that could be pushed under the big one."

Fireplaces gave less trouble to build than chimneys. The settler collected some thick slabs of limestone for the hearth, the back and the sides and placed them at the wall of the cabin where he planned to build his chimney. He packed earth between the logs and the stones and hoped that the wall wouldn't catch fire. Some who were so careless as to omit the stones and merely piled earth or clay against the logs at the back of the hearth frequently lost their homes by fire. At first the smoke from the hearth fire escaped through a hole in the roof left for that purpose but later chimneys were built.

A member of the M^c Kay family writing in the family book, states "Cooking and baking had to be done at the fireplace. Sometimes the fire was out in the morning and the head of the house went over to Renton's or Weir's for coals to start it. (This was on the Governor's Road at the 13th line of E. Missouri). Otherwise it would have to be lighted by means of flint and steel and punk."