

## Transcript for Ferdinand Pearson

**Pearson:** Well, it was pretty rough going. We had to walk to and from school at all times and of course being young at that time, about six years old when I started, I had to walk about three or four miles even at that through fields and sometimes I had to walk across the log on a canal crossing to make it to the school in which we were going. This school was about I'd say four miles south of Davis Station, the name of the school was Sand Bay School. I guess they named it Sand Bay because it was just a field with no houses in sight and it was basically just sandy. It was one room, two teachers and two classes, and they had to sometimes wait on the other students to use the crayons in order to use it ourselves. The class would take turns using the crayon, eraser and whatever.

Our heating system was an old clay chimney and that was the only heat we had to heat the room, these two classes in this same room. Of course if the weather is cold after we arrive at school we had to gather some wood from various places because the school was surrounded by woods. The boys had to go out and gather wood to get our fire started to get ourselves warm enough to begin class. It wasn't easy, but we were determined because there was no other way out and my parent he wanted to see that we got whatever education was available this was back in 1939, I'm talking about in the 30's. That was basically how it was even the teachers had to walk and all students was walking to and from school.

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