

AB2 – Angela Baldino, "Getting by During the Depression"

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AB: Between my grandfather, planting the yard and everything, we never suffered, we were never hungry. And so, we managed. We didn't get welfare because we owned our property. We never went for it. My grandfather was too proud. People around us did. They needed it, though. It was necessary. Because I remember my mother, being the landlord. We lived in a two-family and our tenants would pay her two dollars a week to stay there toward a twenty dollar a month rent. She rented it to them and that's what they would pay a month. Twenty dollars a month for four rooms. Well, we had four rooms. We had a bathtub, which was very--. Some houses had big --big basins, whatever you call them. But, we were fortunate. We had a bathtub.