

Interview with: My Grandma Rose Collick  
Your Name: Melonie Collick

I'm Melonie Collick and I'm interviewing  
my Grandma Rose the date is  
January 1, 1984

ME: How old were you during the depression?

Gr: about 8

ME: How did the depression affect you?

Gr: Well I'm I was kind of young but I do know <sup>that</sup> it  
was very hard we didn't have much to  
eat, my father lost his job in the  
mine And my mother had to go and stand  
in line <sup>to get</sup> ~~for~~ county aid

ME: Was the stock Market one of the main reasons  
of the depression?

Gr: I believe so

ME: Did your father lose his job during the <sup>great</sup> dep-  
ression?

Gr: yes he did

ME: Has your father ever worked for the WPA?

Gr: yes

ME: How many years did he work for the WPA?

Gr: I don't remember that

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ME: How long did the depression last?

Gr: I'm not quite sure of that one

ME: Was the depression county wide or world wide?

Gr: county

ME: How many people were unemployed during the depression?

Gr: over millions

ME: What caused the depression?

Gr: Stock market crash

ME: How did the depression affect the big businesses?

Gr: I'm not, I don't remember that part

ME: How did the depression affect the ~~big businesses~~ Government Policies?

Gr: I'm not sure of that one either

ME: What were your feelings about President Roosevelt?

Gr: I liked him, from what I heard about him he was a very good president

ME: How did Roosevelt's policies help or hurt you?

Gr: He put the country ~~the~~ back on its feet cont. the ab  
By closing the banks ~~am~~ starting up  
different projects for people to get (2)

<sup>cont</sup>  
Gr. back to work

ME: were the schools shut down during the depression?

Gr: no

ME: was <sup>there</sup> any money in the schools?

Gr: no, not in my school

ME: were you able to grow gardens for food?

Gr: yes we did (pause) and we canned what we grew so we had vegetables during the winter.

ME: Were teachers paid a wage?

Gr: I believe so

ME: about how much were they paid?

Gr: that I don't know

ME: Were you able to go out and pick berries for food?

Gr: yes, and we did

ME: Did you feel there was a rise in crime?

Gr: no

ME: were there any illegal bars or clubs during that time?

Gr: yes, there were in my town

ME: were there any certain people <sup>(short)</sup> (white) leaders for them?

Gr: well they were individuals and they just made it and sold it from their own homes

ME: were there any choouses' or bands' then?

Gr: no not that I know of

ME: Did you go <sup>to</sup> church all your life?

Gr: yes I did

ME: Were neighbors real helpful then?

Gr: as much as they could be.

ME: Do you think Hoover was the cause of the depression?

Gr: yes

ME: Did ya know anybody who lived in a Hooverville

Gr: no

ME: were you working during the depression?

Gr: no

ME: how did the depression affect the farmers?

Gr: ah well it was as hard for them as anyone else

ME: Was one of the reasons of the great depression from our production of manufactured goods?

Gr: yes

ME: were there any food programs for the needy?

Gr: yes there were

ME: were there special names for them?

Gr: County aid

ME: were you burdened with having to raise a family during the depression?

Gr: no, my mother was <sup>(sort of laughing)</sup>

ME: Did your father have a full time job or a part time job?

Gr: part time

ME: what school did you attend?

Gr: St. Johns Catholic

ME: what mines were working during the depression?

Gr: there weren't any

ME: were there strikes during the depression?

Gr: no, not in my town

ME: who was the principle of at your school?

Gr: Mother Superior

ME: O.K.