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Biography of Albert Lee Minyard Jr. and Roslyn V. Minyard

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When Albert Lee Minyard Jr. was born in Georgia in 1917, his mother, Ola, was nineteen years old and his father, Albert Sr., was thirty-four. By his third birthday, Minyard and his parents lived in Brooks, Georgia, a town numbering 256 residents near Atlanta. Growing up in rural Georgia during the early twentieth century exposed Minyard to the effects of the Great Depression in the South, a place where the recession struck much harder. While unemployment did not hit Georgia as hard in the first few years of the crisis, by 1930, Atlanta reported that nearly fifty percent of their employable workers could not find jobs. This not only exacerbated economic tensions, but also social tensions from the long-standing racial struggle in the South as blacks became increasingly unemployed compared to whites.

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