Baldizzi Family Kitchen

Who lived here? Rosario and Aldopho Baldizzi with their kids Johnny and Josephine

When did they live here? The family lived at 97 Orchard Street from 1929 to 1935.

What's in the room? This photo of the kitchen shows objects of advancing technology – running water, gas stove, and electricity, which came in about 1924, a decade after most homes in New York City had them. Josephine recalls her mother listening to Italian music and soap operas on the radio – which brought comfort and feelings of home, but also sadness.

There’s a Chinese Checkers game on the table, which Adolpho would play with his children during difficult periods of the Great Depression.