

Izsak And Zsofia Brull With Workers Of The Turda Porcelain Factory



This photo was taken in the yard of the Turda porcelain factory in 1974, on the occasion of my father, Izsak Brull's 80th birthday. The woman next to him is my mother, Zsofia Brull.

The following is written on the back of the photo:

'My former colleagues congratulated me for my 80th birthday celebration, I would like to now say a toast to this moving party. Especially the beautiful cobalt vase, which my pupils, Anti Kaszler, Joska Bokor, Jenő Alban, Istvan Wagner and the others made with such great skill. I'm very grateful for the participation of Annus and Tibi Anti.

Lots of love" (signature: Izsak Brull)

Luckily the factory wasn't badly damaged during World War II, and continued its production. Immediately after the war, when things were sorted out and Transylvania was under Romanian authority, my father remained in a leading position. My father did a lot of porcelain exhibitions. He remained a 'conducator technic' up until the state-takeover. Then in 1948 they nationalized the factory and got rid of Iliescu. My father stayed. He didn't really like it, the altered work situation, as they appointed managers who had no idea about porcelain manufacture and yet began to give orders. After that I went to Kolozsvár, to the music conservatory, and my father also wanted to go there. But then they didn't really let one go from one town to the next. Even then, he managed it with great difficulty, and came back to the Kolozsvár factory, but not as a 'conducator' [manager] but in a lower position. He was given the position of quality controller, and retired from there. They wrote a lot about him in the papers.

Despite the fact that my father had come to Kolozsvár, his birthday was celebrated every five years by both the Kolozsvár and the Turda porcelain factory work communities. They liked him so much that they organized a joint dinner for his birthday. This was rare for a leading person; in general a person is forgotten after one to two years. But they organized a party for him until he was 85 - that

was the last one. This was done in his honor, as he was a great expert.