

Dora Rozenfeld's Birth Certificate



This is an excerpt from the Jewish birth registry of Kanev district, on my mother Genia-Dvoira Ozerianskaya's birth. It's signed by the rabbi of Boguslav in 1906. My mother was born in 1893. The Jewish name she received at birth was Genia-Dvoira. She studied with teachers at home and then finished a grammar school in Boguslav. She studied well. She also learned to play the piano. I have no information about my mother's life before she met my father. All I know is that after she finished grammar school her parents sent her to Kiev where she studied at a private dentistry school and after finishing it she received a dentist license. Shortly after she returned to Boguslav, Grandfather Asriel and Grandmother Gita passed away. Then the Revolution took place in 1917 which lead to the Civil War causing all horrors associated with this period: gangs and pogroms from which Jews had to hide in basements and attics. My mother met my father then. He was chief of the Jewish self-defense movement.