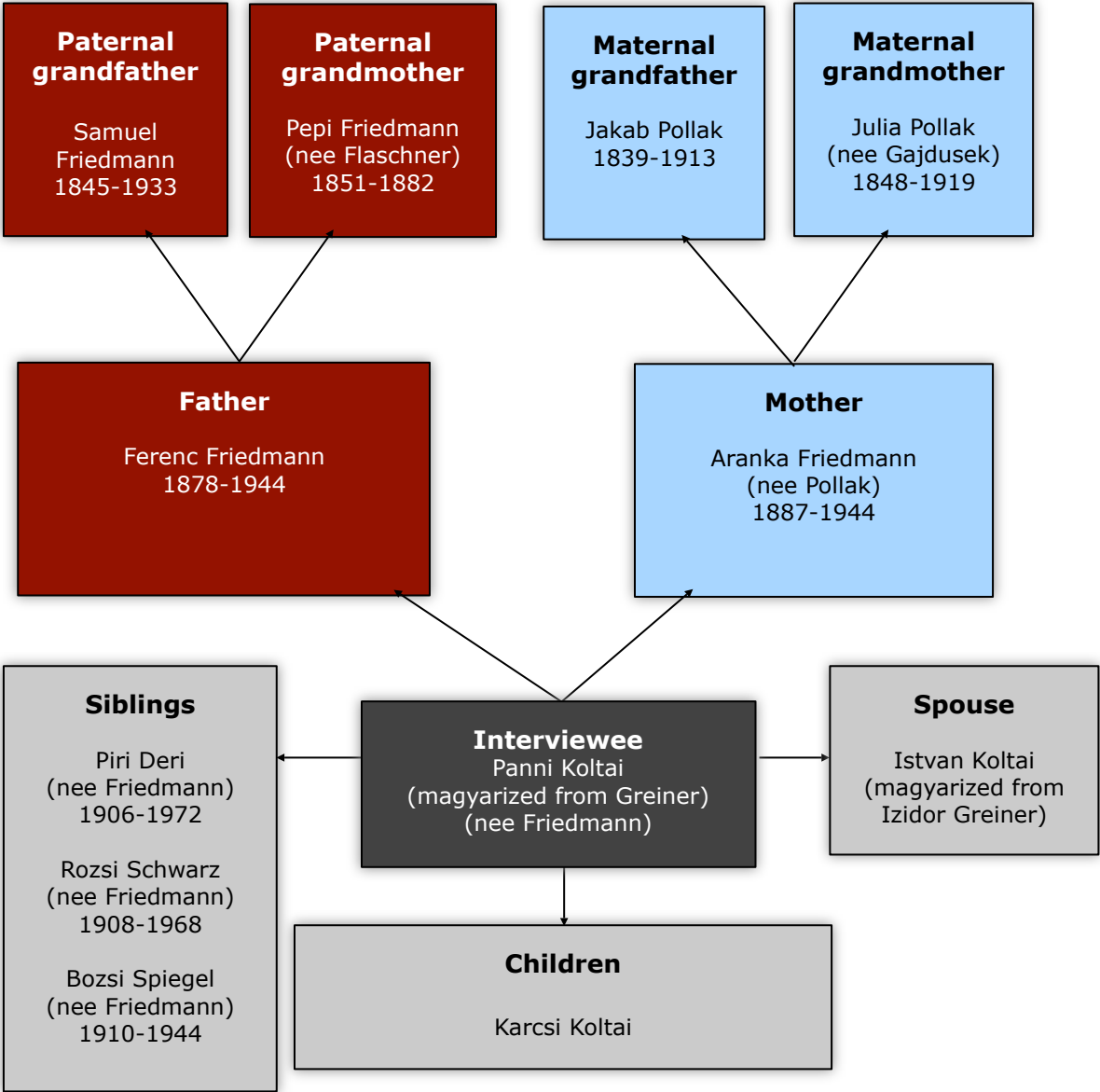


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Panni Koltai (magyarized from Greiner in 1946) (nee Friedmann)

Where and when were you born?

Eger, November 1915

Where else did you live?

Budapest

Your educational level?

Four classes of middle school

What sort of work do/did you do?

Dressmaker

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised?

My mother was Orthodox and quite religious, my father came from a Neolog family and wasn't so strict. Still, we observed all the holidays, we women kept Sabbath, and we had a kosher household.

What is your mother tongue?

Hungarian

How many languages do you speak?

None

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In a yellow star house, then in hiding, and then in the ghetto in Budapest

Siblings

Their names

Piri Deri (nee Friedmann)

Rozsi Schwarz (nee Friedmann)

Bozsi Spiegel (nee Friedmann)

Where and when were they born?

Piri: Eger, 1906

Rozsi: Eger, 1908

Bozsi: Eger, 1910

What is their mother tongue?

Hungarian

Their educational level?

All of them finished 4 classes of middle school

Piri: also 2 classes of commercial school

Rozsi and Bozsi learnt dressmaking as apprentices

Their occupations?

Piri: worked in an office as administrator

Rozsi: housewife – until she got married, she helped her mother run the household

Bozsi: dressmaker

Where do/did they live?

Piri: Budapest

Rozsi: Eger

Bozsi: Eger

Where else did they live?

Piroska: Eger

Bozsi: Budapest

Do they have children?

Bozsi: one daughter, Julika (1939-1944)

Where and when did they die?

Piri: Budapest, 1972

Rozsi: Eger, 1968

Bozsi: Auschwitz (today Poland), 7th June 1944

Spouse

Name?

Istvan Koltai (magyarized from Izidor Greiner in 1946)

Where and when was he/she born?

Kolta, 1907

Where else did he live?

Eger, Budapest

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Hungarian

His/her educational level?

Graduated from high school before WWII, and from university after WWII

Occupation?

Before WWII: accountant and manager of a timber yard

After WWII: departmental head in the Ministry of Agriculture

Where and when did he/she die?

Budapest, 1980

Children

Their names?

Karcsi Koltai

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

No

Where and when were they born?

Eger, 1946

Where else did they live?

Budapest

Their educational level?

Graduated as architect from Technical University

Their occupations?

Investor and organizer at constructions

How many grandchildren do you have?

Two: Andras (1974) and Robert (1975)

Father

His name?

Ferenc Friedmann

Where and when was he was born?

Erdokovesd (presumably), 1878

Where else did he live?

Eger

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 7th June 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Elementary school

What sort of work did he do?

Tailor

What was his level of religiosity?

He came from a Neolog family, and did not observe the religious traditions too strictly. He worked on Sabbath and only went to the synagogue on major holidays.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: Which army and what years?

None

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

One full sister – Julia

One younger brother from the grandfather's 2nd wife

Three siblings from grandfather's 3rd wife, one of whom died in infancy, another one is called Lajos

Julia Friedmann (1877-1940): married to Mor Kohn, became a widow and worked in the kitchen of a Jewish welfare association. She had three sons, all three magyarized their name to Korosi:

Bela: lawyer, after the fall of the Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, he emigrated to Buenos Aires, Argentina; had one son.

Jozsi: engineer, after the fall of the Hungarian Soviet Republic, he went to live in the Soviet Union, and disappeared in a camp in Siberia; wife Klari, one son.

Sanyi (1904-1983): studied medicine in Vienna (today Austria), lived in Shanghai (today China) during the war, then went to Cleveland, USA; had a Russian wife and two children.

Lajos Friedmann: tailor, emigrated to the USA and settled in Cleveland, married Malvin, a Hungarian woman there, and had a daughter, Iren. They ran a stain removing workshop.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Killed in Auschwitz (today Poland)

Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name?

Samuel Friedmann

Where and when was he born?

Varaszo, 1845

Where else did he live?

Erdokovesd, Recsk, Balassagyarmat

Where and when did he die?

Balassagyarmat, 1933

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of an inn and a butchery

What was his level of religiosity?

He was religious and kept the traditions but he was not Orthodox.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your father's mother's name?

Pepi Friedmann (nee Flaschner)

Where and when was she born?

Erdokovesd, 1851

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Erdokovesd, 1882

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was religious, observed the holidays but she was not Orthodox.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Aranka Friedmann (nee Pollak)

Where and when was she was born?

Eger, 1887

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 7th June 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Elementary school

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was Orthodox, observed all religious rules, kept a kosher household, went to the ritual bath every month and to the synagogue on Fridays.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Ignac (Naci) Pollak: he lived in Eger with his wife Etelka Brieger and two children. He had a glassware shop. Ignac and his wife were killed in Auschwitz (today Poland) in 1944, one son, Gyuri, magyarized name to Antal, married and had one son.

Szeren Hirsch (nee Pollak): she was a goose merchant, and had one daughter Olga and a stepdaughter; she was killed in Auschwitz in 1944.

Lipu (Fulop) Pollak (1867-1940): half-brother; haberdashery shop owner, wife Gizella Schachter, they had eight children: Iren (married Katz, had four children, killed in Auschwitz), Samu, Jenó, Boriska, Zoltán, István (three children), Eta (married Geza Friedmann), Rozsi (married a brother of Geza Friedmann). Lipu died in Eger.

Miksa (Maxi) Pollak: half-brother; lived with his wife Giza and three daughters in Borsodszemere, where they had a shop. They all survived the war, emigrated and lived in Australia.

Mendel Pollak: died young (no further information)

Hermann Pollak: lived in Budapest with his wife Riza and two sons, Pista and Laci. He had a textile shop. One of the sons was a lawyer and the other a merchant. No information on what happened to them during the war.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Killed in Auschwitz (today Poland)

Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name?

Jakab Pollak

Where and when was he born?

Gyongyos, 1839

Where else did he live?

Eger

Where and when did he die?

Eger, 1913

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Merchant

What was his level of religiosity?

Orthodox, very religious

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name?

Julia Pollak (nee Gajdusek)

Where and when was she born?

Verpelet, 1848

Where else did she live?

Eger

Where and when did she die?

Eger, 1919

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

Orthodox, very religious, wore a wig

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before