Funny Grandfather

Grandfather made a big mess. He was incredibly funny and he loved to joke around. He found some people who washed corpses, and he said to them: "You know what, this and that guy died" and he gave the address, "go and tell them that you came to wash the corpse" and this was his brother. When his brother heard this he was sick. When he learned that grandfather was behind this he never spoke to him again. I went to visit him but they never spoke.

Grandfather was a merchant. He worked in a shop which was his shop. In that shop he was selling cereals and bread. He had also a bakery in Senta. And also he was trading abroad. In his shop, the employees were Hungarian, and no members of the family. The customers were Jews, Hungarian and Serbs, but mostly Jews, because there were a lot of Jews in Senta in that time-three Jewish communities. Grandfather gave credit to everyone, he was really a good man.

When I would leave for school in the morning, I would visit the clan. First, I would stop to see grandfather and grandmother where I would get a dinar or two. Then I would visit my uncle Andrija, mother's brother, who had a pharmacy on the other corner and there I would get another dinar or so. Then I would go to school and across the street there was a Nestle shop where I would eat chocolates.

They spoke Hungarian and German at home. Grandmother spoke more German and grandfather more Hungarian but he knew German. At home we spoke Hungarian. Mother spoke a lot of French with my aunt from Budapest as she also knew French.