

Mariska Tordai



This is my aunt Mariska after her second marriage, the wife of Izso Tordai, my mother's sister. The photo was taken in Szabadka [Subotica], where they lived in 1930.

Aunt Mariska lived in Szabadka, which belonged to Yugoslavia in the years after the war. She had a husband by the name of Andras Farago, who was Jewish and whom she divorced - a big thing in those days. I don't know his profession but they had two boys, Pista Farago and Bandi Farago, and a daughter, Ella Farago, who were still very small when their mother married a lawyer named IzsoTordai. So they were brought up by Uncle Izso Tordai. Ella was a journalist in Yugoslavia, and wrote for papers in Szabadka, Zombor, and I think in Uj Videk. For years she ran a psychological type section under the name Ella Havas - Emil Havas was her husband - and ran around in writing circles all her life.