

Nikolay Schwartz's Sister Klara Weinberger



My sister Klara Weinberger, nee Schwartz, in her wedding gown on her wedding day. My sister gave me this photo, when I came to visit my family before going to a work battalion in 1941. I had this photograph with me, when I was in a Hungarian work battalion and then in the camps for prisoners-of-war. This was the only photograph of my family members I had with me. All other photographs of my family were in our deserted houses after my dear ones were taken to the

Auschwitz camp. When I returned and found them, they were hopelessly destroyed by mould. It was impossible to restore them. This photo was taken in Vinogradovo in 1936.

My older sister Klara married Aron Weinberger, a local Jew, in 1936. He owned a winery. They had a traditional Jewish wedding. In 1937 Klara's first baby Tibor was born. Her younger son Laszlo was still a baby, when I came to see them in 1941. Klara lived with her husband and children in their house. My parents and sister Klara with her family and her husband's parents did perish in Auschwitz in 1945.