

Olga And Istvan Szabo



This is a picture of my mother's sister Olga Szabo, nee Brichta, and her husband, Istvan Szabo. The photo was taken in Budapest in 1938. My mother had two sisters. Olga was older than my mother by three or four years. They attended university in Budapest, which was a big deal at that time. Olga studied as a teacher - I don't know what kind of teacher - and she told her parents that she didn't want to occupy a teacher's post because she had fallen in love with a student, and wanted to marry him. The problem was that the person in question was Christian and the son of a jailer. Well, it caused a lot of trouble, but she married him, and he got a job in Resicabanya [today: Resita], close to Temesvar [today: Timisoara, a town in Transylvania, Romania]. There he got a job in an iron factory and they moved there. They had one daughter, and when she was four years old it came to light that she had diabetes. Insulin was invented around that time, and they brought her insulin from Vienna. She had to use insulin for the rest of her life. We became estranged somehow, I don't know anything more about them.