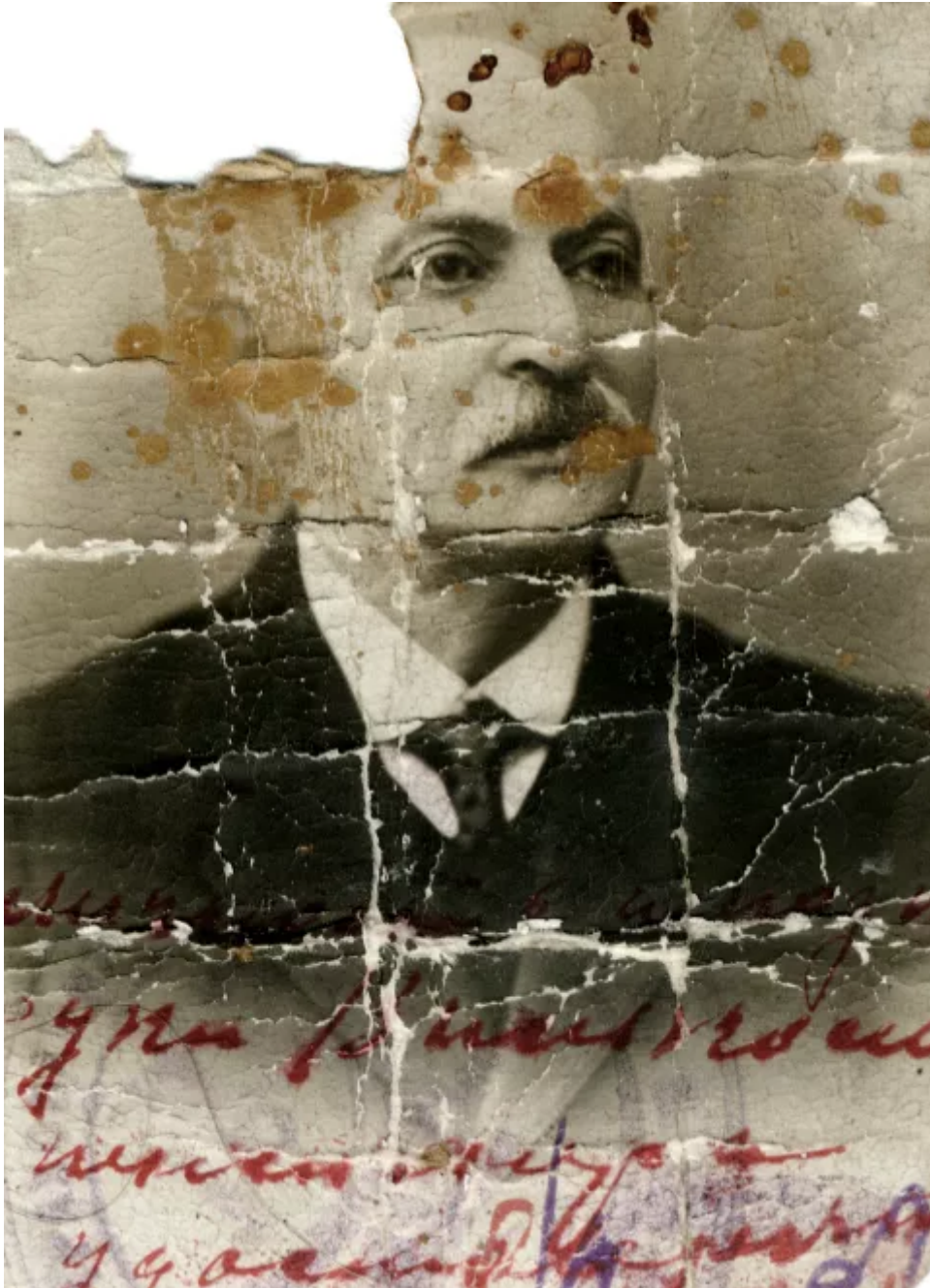


Wazlaw Welikomirskiy



This is my grandfather on my mother's side, Wazlaw Welikomirskiy. The photo was taken in Kiev in 1915. My grandfather was born around 1860. He may have been given a Jewish name when he was born, but they lived in Poland and he probably changed it. I have no information about his education. It must have been some technical or some kind of higher education because he worked at the railcar shops as a skilled worker and then as an engineer in Kiev. They moved to Kiev long before World War I, some time around 1900. I don't know why they moved. My grandfather received an award from the Russian government. It was a beautiful red ribbon and the words 'Hero of Labor' were written on it. He was awarded it in the first years after the Revolution. I know very little about my grandparents on my mother's side. They died before I was born. I guess, they died in the early 1920s. The Welikomirskiy family wasn't religious. At least, I can't remember my mother ever telling me about any religious traditions in their family.