

Benjamin Czitrom



This is a picture of my paternal great-grandfather was Benjamin Czitrom, taken in Berettyoujfalu in 1898. He was religious, and he wore a hat and a beard and had earlocks. By profession he was a kind of farm manager. He lived in Berettyoujfalu. His wife was Lidia Czitrom, nee Asztalos. They raised six children: Rezi, born in 1869, Regina, born in 1871, Jenó, born in 1877, Béla, born in 1879, Sarolta, born in 1884, and Miksa. The Czitrom family originates from Spain. At the time of the expulsion in 1492, a lot of Jews came to Europe, and the Czitroms were amongst them. Of the Czitroms, many went to France and also to other countries. Our family came here from Germany. They were already living here in the 1800s. Their mother tongue was Hungarian, but I don't know

whether they spoke German as well. They probably did. There are also a lot of Czitroms in Transylvania. I know that there was a rabbi named Czitrom in Debrecen too. But he could only have been a very distant relative, if he was a relative at all, because I know the descendants of all six children of my paternal great-grandfather.