

Miksa Domokos At The Age Of 14



In this picture you can see my father, Miksa Domonkos, at the age of 14, probably when he graduated from middle school. It was taken in Budapest in 1904. I don't know anything about this period of my father's life. My paternal grandparents, Mor Fleischmann and Rozalia Kalisch, got married on 2nd April 1889. One year after the marriage, in 1890 my father Miksa was born. The marriage of my grandfather and grandmother only lasted for eight years, because my grandfather died at the age of 39 in 1897. My father went to a Jewish elementary school, and then he graduated from middle school, and then the Commercial Academy. The Commercial Academy was a school of high standard, it gave a high school diploma, they taught several languages, and they put the emphasis on practice. So the smart Jewish parents sent their children to study there with pleasure. My grandmother already raised him alone at that time; I don't know what they lived off. I

know that they lived among moderate means, and that my grandmother managed a kosher household. She was religious, too. My father wasn't religious at all. I think my father got a scholarship from some kind of a Jewish organization. I suspect this from the fact that he got very valuable books on Jewish topics and an 11-volume Goethe series in Gothic type. Besides that he also got a 5-6 volume Heine in Gothic type.