

## Irma Fingerova And Her Relatives



These are my mother's relatives. First on the right is her mother, Irma Fingerova. Sitting beside her is my great-grandmother, or Grandma Irma's mother, and then her sister. Beside her is the mother of the husband (Otto Sgall) of their youngest daughter Marie, Mrs. Sgall. At the far left is another sister of my great-grandmother, and beside her could be, I figure, her husband, but I'm not sure. My great-grandmother had three sisters: Olga, Terezia, Zdena. But I'm not able to say for sure which is which in the photo. In the back on the right is maybe my grandma's brother, probably the youngest, Karel Lederer, and beside him his wife. I don't know the woman third from the right. Who's standing beside her, I don't know. The third from the left could be Otto Sgall, my mother's sister's husband, and beside him his wife Marie. The one on the far left is, I think, my grandma Irma's brother. She was one of six children and I think that this one was the oldest one, so Jan Lederer. This photo was likely taken in Zamberk, because Uncle Karel Lederer and his sister Olga lived there. They lived there on one piece of property, in neighboring buildings. And they had a textile factory there. Uncle Karel was married and had a son, Frantisek, who was much younger than I. They used to call him Ata. Olga had three daughters - Vlasta, Vera and Eva. Vlasta ended up in Auschwitz with her little boy Petricek. Vera and Eva survived, and that in a very curious fashion. As I've said, Grandma Irma came from a family of six children, of which she was the oldest. She had two brothers, Jan and Karl, and three sisters, Zdenka, Terezie and Olga. All of them died in Auschwitz, you could find out the dates in the Terezin Memorial Book. Uncle Jenik - that's what they called him, my mother's brother Jan was Jenda and Grandma's brother Jan was Jenik. He was an invalid from World War I. He and his wife Ruzena had a clothing store in Litomysl. They were however childless. But I don't remember them very much, although in Litomysl we lived along the same arcade, and visited each other. Maybe we even went on holidays together, for there were good, strong relations in that family. Aunt Zdenka was married, but childless. They used to say something about that her husband - Dezso Adler, a Hungarian - was infected, so they couldn't have children. My grandma's last sister was Terezie, they used to call her Terusza. Terusza was married twice, as the first time she was widowed. But I know nothing about her husbands. From her first marriage she had a daughter, Lily, and from the second a son, Arne. All of them stayed in

Auschwitz.