

Edith And Vera Erak



The picture was taken in Lopud, an island at the end of Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 1929. My mother and I are pictured. Because of my father Ilija's bad health, we moved to Dubrovnik in 1928. My father sold his house and store, and with the money he received he bought an apartment and two stores, one in Dubrovnik and the other on the island of Lopus. My parents sold souvenirs in their stores, and all sorts of things that were useful to the many tourists. They sold handmade fabric rugs, handmade works using Konavljian embroidery, Turkish coffeepots, bathing suits, photo equipment, etc. After a short period my father took up photography, and he opened a small photo laboratory.