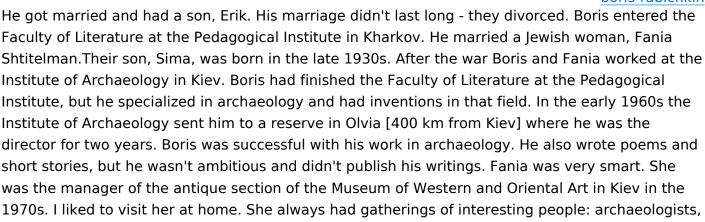


Ronia Finkelshtein's Aunt Sonia Rabichkina With Her Son Boris Rabichkin



My mother's sister Sonia Rabichkina [nee Izrailevich] and her son Boris. The photo was taken in Kolomak in 1917 to send it to relatives. Sonia married an accountant, Michael Rabichkin, a Jewish man. He worked at the sugar factory in Kolomak near Kharkov. Aunt Sonia moved to Kolomak. Their son, Boris, was born in 1914. Shortly after the revolution the Rabichkin family moved to Kharkov. Boris studied at the Jewish school. He spoke Yiddish fluently and even read Hugo in Hebrew. [Editor's note: Victor Hugo, French poet and novelist.] After school he couldn't enter a [higher educational] institute, as new Soviet laws only allowed young people from working families to study in higher educational institutions. He finished an industrial school and became a worker at the Locomotive Repair Plant in Kharkov. Later he became a correspondent for the plant newspaper.





historians, poets and writers. Her friends became my friends.