

Isidor Margulius



This here is the brother of my maternal grandmother, Feiga Herscovici, Isidor Margulius. I don't know exactly when this photo was taken, but he was already old, I believe some time in the 1930s; I don't think there was a special occasion. Isidor Margulius was born in 1861, but I don't know where; maybe in Bessarabia, because grandma Feiga had been born there. He enjoyed a special position in the family, because he was a doctor, a pediatricist, and there weren't many doctors at that time, especially coming from poor families. So he was respected among us. For a while, in 1900s, he lived in Ploiesti and he was the town's doctor. He was also an officer in the army. After that he became king Carol's I private doctor, he was in charge especially of his children. I think he must have been a very good doctor, to be appointed at the Royal House. He was married to a Sephardi Jewish woman, Eleonora; my sister is named after her, according to the Jewish tradition. They had three children: Marcel, who was in the army, he studied at Belle Arte in Paris and was a captain and a physician, Eugen (or Puiu, as we used to call him), who was an

engineer at Oxford, and Silvia, who studied at Notre Dame, in Paris. I know Isidor was a soldier during the World War I; but I remember Puiu also fought during World War I, and he was a liaison officer, and during the Marasesti campaign he came on furlough to Bacau with his peaked cap pierced by a bullet. He was lucky to make it! We kept his uniform and pierced cap for a long time. Isidor Margulius died in 1932; he was buried in Bucharest, in the Sephardi Jewish cemetery there.