

Albert And Sarina Gershon



This is a picture of my father Albert Haim Gershon as a soldier and my mother Sarina Avram Gershon, nee Kalef. The photo was taken in Plovdiv in the 1910s and sent to my mother's cousins Rashel, Josif and Beko - they were children of my grandmother's sister who died in a fire in her house. My mother loved my father very much. My father served in the Bulgarian army in the late 1910s. My parents got married in Plovdiv in 1921. My mother was a housewife, and my father was a merchant. He traded with haberdashery and worked with villagers mostly. He used to sell ribbons, laces and buttons but unfortunately he didn't sell any toys. His shop was on the merchant street near the mosque and Maritsa pharmacy. It was a two-storied shop. The first floor was something like a reception-room and the trade articles were on the second floor. My father liked to receive guests on the first floor. That's why he always had some fresh pastry or other small things to eat with him.