

Liber Genis And Channa Genyute



This is my brother Liber Genis and my father's sister Channa Genyute. The picture was taken in the early 1930s in Rietavas. My elder brother Liber was born in 1918. Having finished Jewish school, my elder brothers started working. First, they helped Father and then they started learning some craft. Liber was a clock mender. He married a girl called Ida from Radviliskis and lived there. Isroel was apprenticed by Liber and also moved to Radviliskis and lived with Liber's family. My father's elder sister Channa, born in the 1890s, owned a tiny store. She sold sweets, groceries, chocolate and herring. Channa gave a discount to Lithuanians ? she didn't sell ten herrings for a lita ? which was a

common price ? but 11. That is why she had many customers. I remember that the peasants came in the store with canisters, where they put the pickled herring juice. Channa also sold the bread, which wasn't gone during the market days. Father's sisters Chaya Riva and Channa remained single. All my kin, Grandpa Nakhman, Father, Liber with his family and Isroel, were shot in the first days of the occupation of Telsiai. On the day when the war broke out, my brother Liber and his wife Ida with their baby daughter ? about two months old ? came to see my parents. The lady said that she noticed the tail of the column, where Liber and Ida with the stroller, were walking. The Fascists took the stroller away and it was rolling on the curb. My brother darted after the stroller and the German shot him right away, then they shot the baby. There were about 14 places out of town where Jews were executed. I don't know exactly where my kin perished. Father's sisters Chaya Riva and Channa also perished.