

Givand-Tikhaya Rakhil's Husband's Father Meyer Shtilerman.



The man sitting in the center of this photo is my husband's father, Meyer Shtilerman. The photo was taken around 1910-1915, during his studies. Meyer Shtilerman was a simple druggist in the village of Emilchino, in the area of Zhytomyr. .

In 1937, my husband Naum's father was arrested and charged with being a German spy. He was convicted and sent into penal servitude in the Solovetsky Islands. He was a very ill man, practically blind. During his imprisonment he contracted tuberculosis. He returned home only after Stalin's death and died in 1950.