

Sheina Aronovich



This is my maternal grandmother, Sheina Aronovich. The photo was taken in Dvinsk in 1903.

My grandmother Sheina was married three times. All her husbands died one after the other. My mum, Berta Gutnomen-Gutmann, nee Aronovich, was a single child from my grandmother's first marriage. With her second husband, Velvel Israeltan, my grandmother had a whole bunch of children - my mother's stepbrothers and stepsisters. She lived with her last husband in Copenhagen, Denmark, but returned to her daughter from the second husband, Aunt Tirtsa Koldobsкая, nee Israeltan, to Vilnius. There she lived and there she died in the summer of 1931. Mum went to Vilnius to attend the funeral.