Lidia Korotina's Uncle Naum (Nema) Brodskiy, His Wife Raya Brodskaya, Her Grandmother Lubov Moiseyevna Brodskaya, Her Mother's Sister Fania Brodskaya, Lidia Korotina, Her Mother Isabella Mikhailovna (Beila Moiseyevna)and Her Father Matvey Korotin.

This is a family photo of the Korotins and Brodskiys. From left to right: my uncle Naum (Nema) Brodskiy, his wife Raya Brodskaya, my grandmother Lubov Moiseyevna Brodskaya, my mother's sister Fania Brodskaya, myself, Lidia Korotina, my mother Isabella Mikhailovna (Beila Moiseyevna)and my father Matvey Korotin. The picture was taken in Moscow in 1928. My mother's mother, Lubov Moiseyevna, was from Jankoi, Crimea. Her last name was Ternorutskaya. She was very tiny and pretty and had an extraordinarily beautiful complexion. The story goes that my grandfather kidnapped her, as her parents didn't want her to marry him. They had six children: three sons and three daughters. Yasha was their oldest son, then came their daughter Klara, a very beautiful woman. Yasha took after his father ? he was tall and had a strong character. Then came their son Semyon (Syoma) and my mother Beila. Then there were Nema and the youngest, Fania, who was born when my grandmother thought that she couldn't have children any more. The two oldest died in Moscow. Syoma survived the blockade, worked at a medical equipment factory and died in Leningrad. Nema perished in the vicinity of Smolensk during the war. My mother and father met in Kirovograd. Mamma was a very beautiful woman and my father was just struck by her beauty. When he took her to his father to introduce her, my grandfather told him that she was too beautiful for my father. They loved each other very much and were devoted to one another.