

Zinaida Leibovich's Grandmother Haya-Surah, Grandfather Haim Altman, Mother Shprintse Altman And Mother's Brother Munya Altman



This is my mother's family. From left to right: my grandmother Haya-Surah Altman, my grandfather Haim Altman and my mother Shprintse Altman. Standing: is Munya, my mother's brother. The photograph was taken in Kamenets-Podolsk in 1932. My grandfather was born some time in 1880, and my grandmother ? in 1885. They were both born in Kamenets-Podolsk and lived there all their lives. They had a house of their own, a small wooden house with all conveniences outside. The house had four rooms and a veranda. There also was a Russian oven that served for both cooking and heating. They had an orchard and a vegetable garden and kept chicken, ducks, geese, goats and a cow. My grandmother made sour cream and baked milk in her oven and sold these at the

market. She also sold eggs. My grandparents were very religious. They celebrated all the Jewish holidays and attended synagogue. On Friday my grandmother always lit a candle, and on Saturday her Ukrainian neighbor came to help around the house and take care of the poultry yard and cattle. My grandmother always made matzo at Pesach and even sold some to her Jewish neighbors. At home my grandmother and grandfather spoke Yiddish, and my mother knew Yiddish very well, too. In 1909 their son Munya, my mother's older brother, was born. My mother was born in 1919.