

Zinaida Leibovich's Father Moisey Leibovich



This is my father Moisey Leibovich pictured wearing a Ukrainian shirt. This photograph was made at his plant in Kiev in 1937. My father was born in Kiev in 1912. He only completed four years of primary school. He didn't study any further, but he was a very smart boy. Later he helped his son with mathematics when he was taking his entrance exams for the technical school. After finishing school my father, a 13-year-old boy, went to work at Transsignal, the factory where his mother was working. He was a laborer at the beginning and then he became a turner apprentice. My father was injured on the job before the war ? the machine he was working on cut off a finger on his right hand. My mother met my father in 1939 when she was in Kiev on vacation. They met in a theater in Kiev and fell in love. After my mother went back home to Kamenets-Podolsk, they started writing letters to each other and my father traveled there several times to see her. My parents got married in 1940, and my mother moved to Kiev. They had no wedding ceremony, they just registered their marriage in the Registry office and started living together. My mother went to work at the factory

as an assistant accountant. My mother told me that she didn't want to live with my father's parents and their family, so my father and mother rented an apartment.