

## Irina Lidskaya's Cousin Faina Davydova



This is my cousin Faina Davydova, the daughter of my mother's youngest sister, Maria. The photo was taken in Novosibirsk in 1947. After finishing school Maria came to Kharkov. Like her mother, she fell ill with tuberculosis when she was a young girl. After her mother's death, Maria got very close to my mother. The doctors promised my mother that they would try to help Maria, but couldn't guarantee anything. In fact, after a long time, she was cured completely. When in Kharkov, Maria met her future husband, my father's friend Abram Davydov. It was love at first sight. She was already ill, and he knew that she had a contagious disease, but he never left her for a moment. At

that time Abram studied at the Kharkov Industrial Institute. By the time he graduated, Masha was completely cured. Abram got assigned to work at the heat power plant in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Abram and Masha got married and left for Novosibirsk. They lived together their whole life. In Novosibirsk, Masha entered a technical institute became an engineer like her husband. In 1926 their daughter Faina was born. Abram died in 1976 and Maria in 1980.