

Shulim Manilov



This is my father Shulim Manilov. The picture was taken in Yagotin in 1900. My father's family lived in a small Jewish town called Yagotin, located in Kiev oblast, Ukraine. My grandparents were born in Yagotin, and their children were also born there. I know that father and his brothers were educated at cheder. They didn't have any other education. All of them started to work early. My father was an apprentice at a young age. He had been an apprentice of the tinsmith and then started working independently. He first began in the workshop of his master, and then he started his own business.

He repaired locks, made buckets, tubs, drain pipes, mugs and other tin ware. When my grandfather realized that my father was a good laborer, he assisted him in getting a workshop at the market. My father met my mother in Priluki, a small town in close vicinity to Yagotin. I don't know on what occasion my father was invited to Priluki. All I know is that it was the place where he met my mother. Shortly after meeting my mother, my father proposed to her. They got married in 1920. The wedding took place in Yagotin. Of course, it was a traditional Jewish wedding. My grandfather, Meishe-Ber, would have never allowed it to be otherwise. The newly-weds remained in Yagotin.