

Fruma Manilova



This is my mother Fruma Manilova shortly after getting married. The picture was taken in Yagotin in 1920. There is hardly anything I know about my mother's family. My maternal grandfather, Meyer Reznik, died in 1920. My grandmother also passed away before I was born. My mother Fruma was the youngest child in the family. She was born in 1884. She had two elder brothers, Aizik and Motle, and a sister, Risya. I don't know why, but my mother never told me about her family, her childhood and adolescence. 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. My parents moved into my grandfather Meishe-Ber's house. My father worked as a tinsmith and my mother was a housewife. I was born in 1921. I was given the Jewish name Meyer-Aizik, after my mother's father and perished brother. This name is written in the certificate issued by a rabbi. My parents put a Russian name, Miron, in my certificate of birth. In

1923, my sister Sarah was born and in 1927, my sister Raisa, whose Jewish name was Rohl, followed.