

## Danuta Mniewska's Parents, Ewa And Benjamin Mniewski



They are my parents, Ewa and Benjamin Mniewski. This picture must have been taken at a photo lab in Grabow after their marriage, probably in 1922. It was in Grabow my father met his future wife, my mother. I have no idea what their wedding was like. His parents were strongly opposed to the marriage, but my father was terribly in love with my mother. She was a poor girl and my grandmother didn't want her beloved son to marry a girl without dowry - she wanted a princess for him. And the ladies disliked each other, disliked each other terribly. My parents got married probably in 1922. My parents were both very handsome. My father had a somewhat Semitic look, he wore glasses and had a crooked nose. He spoke Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew, fluent German, was familiar with German literature. He was a very intelligent and wise man, but he had no specific profession. My mother was lovely. All the relatives from her side, as I remember them, were very handsome, not Semitic-looking at all. Fair-haired, blue-eyed. My mother was lively, cheerful, liked by everyone, very vigorous, and she liked to work. She had a wonderful voice, so much so that when some guy once heard her at some charity ball, he approached her and said he would pay for her education, that he would take her to Vienna so that she could study at the conservatory there. But she was a married woman and my father said no. She wasted such a wonderful, strong voice - a soprano.