

Olga Munkova With An Unknown Woman



My mother, Olga Munkova nee Nachodova, is sitting on the right. In the photo she might be around 15, but it's hard to tell. My mother's eyes had this unusual, dark and bewitching expression. We haven't been able to identify the lady standing next to our mother. My mother was born in 1897, and was ten years younger than our father. She was from Brandys nad Labem, but in her youth lived in Prague, in Smichov. She had two siblings. Their mother died very early on, which is why their strict grandmother took care of them. So, they had an apartment in Prague, and on top of that also bought in Brandys what was later to be our house from some distant relative. By coincidence

my mother's father was also a lawyer, and probably because our father needed experience, he started working for his father-in-law. He then likely gave the practice to my father. This means that along with our mother, our father also got the practice and house as a dowry. Apparently our mother was very pretty when she was young. The wedding took place on 27th September 1923. Mother was 26 and Father was already 36, so before that he must have already had a fair amount of work experience. Apparently he'd also worked somewhere in Duchcov. Back then it was common that graduate lawyers worked as articulated clerks for even several years before they started their own practice.