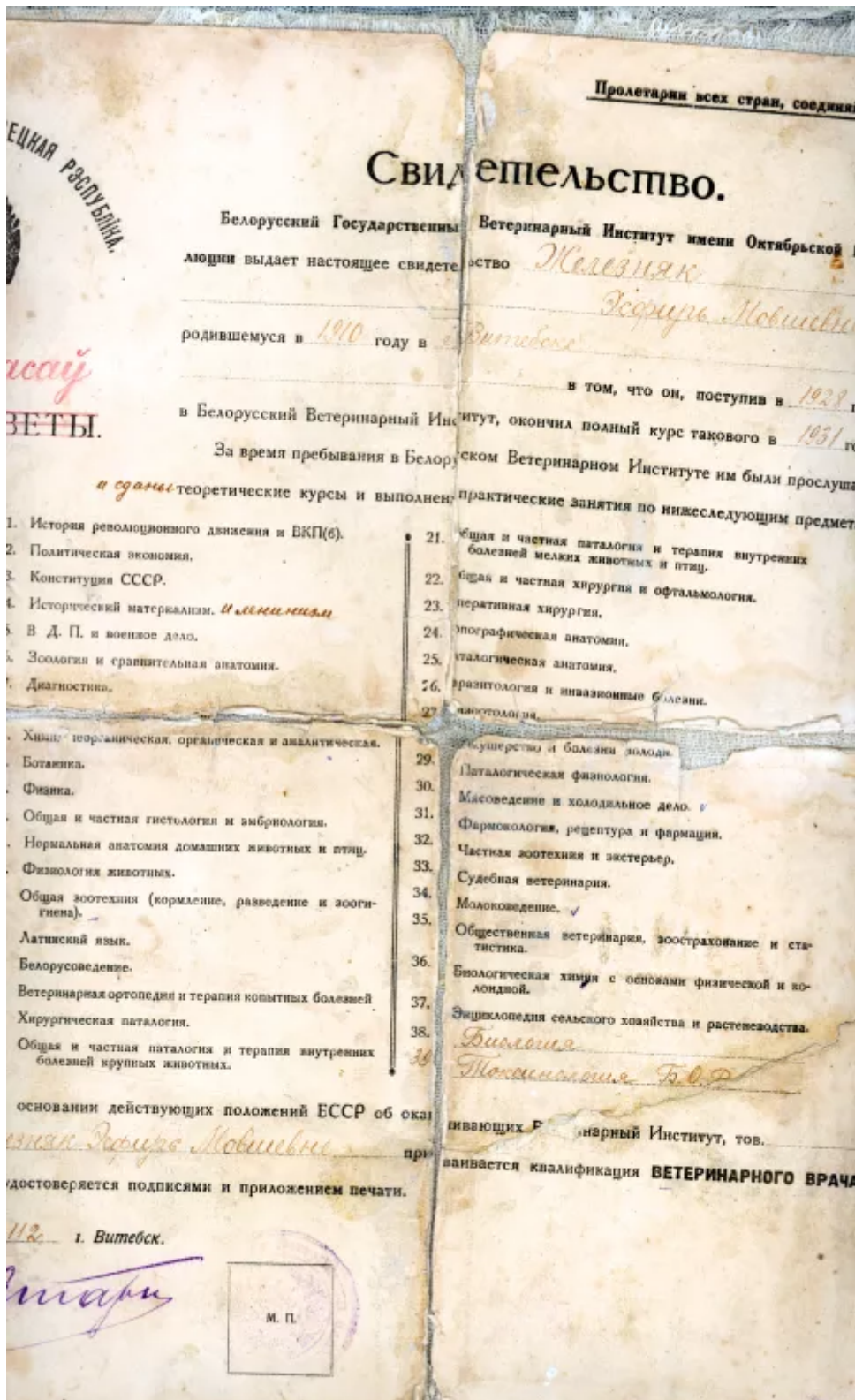


Esphir Babitskaya's Diploma



This is my Mother Esther Babitskaya's diploma confirming that in 1931 she graduated from Vitebsk Veterinary Institute. Judging by her excellent marks, she received a solid education in Vitebsk Veterinary Institute. My mother - Esfir Movshevna Babitskaya (maiden name- Zheleznyak) was born in Vitebsk in 1910. After the completion of high school she was accepted into the Vitebsk Veterinary Institute, which she graduated from, as father did, in 1931. That is where they met and married. Mother gave birth to two children: me in 1931 and my brother Edward in 1935. She died in

Dragobych (Ukraine) in 1989. Mom was a person of principle and without fear. For example, I remember one episode from the war. Her parents, my brother and I all fled into evacuation during the war. We had a lot of money with us, and NKVD agents stole it from us. Believe it or not, my mother wrote directly to Beria himself, the big chief. And believe it or not, we got all the money back.