

Samuil And Isaak Rabinovich



This is my great-grandfather Samuil Rabinovich with my father, Isaak Rabinovich. The photo was taken in Kraslava in 1912. My family settled in Kraslava by the beginning of the 19th century, when Zalman Rabinovich was invited to become the local rabbi by Count Plater. The Platers attracted Jews to the area, both for trade and for crafts. They treated Jews very well and were very loyal. Zalman Rabinovich had two sons - Abram-Tuvia (Tobias) and Samuil. Both sons followed the progressive Jewish movement known as Haskalah. Both sons were extremely devoted to education, knowledge and the study of secular sciences. They no longer adhered to traditional Jewish religion. Both brothers are my great-grandfathers. Tobias's son, my grandfather Moisei Rabinovich, married his cousin Masha, Samuil's daughter. Father's parents, Moisei and Masha, got married under a chuppah, I think. They lived in Kraslava. Father, the first son, was born in 1911. He was named in

honor of grandfather's brother.