

Hedvika Straussova



This is a photograph of Hedvika Straussova (née Weinerova), my father's oldest sister, taken in Prague in the 1910s. Hedvika married some Mr. Strauss; they had no children. Hedvika went on the first transport to Lodz, where she died. My grandfather on my father's side, Simon Weiner, son of Moses and Ludmila Weiner, died before I was born, so I don't remember him. Grandma Frantiska Weiner, daughter of Simon and Terezie Lederer, died even earlier than Grandpa Simon. After Grandma died, Grandpa married her sister. My grandfather's second wife lived in Prague on Stepanska Street; I remember that when it was her birthday, I used to always go to recite poems to

her, and she'd also occasionally give me a five-crown piece. My father, Alfred Weiner, was born from Grandpa's first marriage, from which he had siblings Hedvika, Zofie and Marie.