

Ferenc Sandor's Great-Aunt Julia Fogel



This is my grandmother's youngest sister, Beno Fogel's youngest child. Fourteen children were born to him and his wife, and nine lived to adulthood. Of the nine, three were boys, Jeno, Andor and a third one, whose name I don't know. Uncle Jeno magyarized his name to Fodor. Another one was some kind of backward creature, yet an absolute genius at fixing things. He lived in Megyesegyhaza, County Bekes. He had a motor scooter, which was a very big deal at that time, and he held movie shows. Then there was Andor Fogel, who magyarized his name to Andras Vago. My great-grandparents' eldest child was Etelka, who later became a schoolteacher. She ended up

in a mental ward. She must have been quite a funny lady. I've got only the faintest memories of her, maybe not even real memories, just from some photo. Then there was Rozsi. She lived in Mako with a husband who was a porter. He once wrote in a letter, "I live in beautiful harmonium here with my dear wife." Then came Irma. Irma lived in Megyesegyhaza with her husband, whose name was Guttman. They owned a store too. Later they had a tavern next to Great-grandmother Celi and Great-grandfather Beno's. Their daughter Terez was an extremely beautiful young lady. I was completely infatuated with her. Then there was Mariska. Both of her sons suffered from hemophilia, and both of them died later, I think during displacement. Julia, or Juliska, the youngest one, was so much younger than my grandmother that Grandmother used to nurse her and change her diapers when she was a baby.