

Magdalena Seborova's Grandmother



This is a photo of my grandmother from my father's side. I'm assuming that it's Grandpa's first wife, because my father wouldn't have saved a photo of my stepmother, and not his mother. I don't know where or what year the photo was taken. I don't remember my grandparents from my father's side. I don't know my grandparents' first names, as I don't have any documents about them. Their surname was Klein. Grandpa died right after the war broke out, when I was two [in 1942]. He's buried in Surovce, in a Jewish cemetery of course. Maybe the cemetery is still there to this day. I used to go there with my father up to the time I started going to work. My father had ?For those of the family who died? put on his tombstone, symbolically, so that there would be a reminder of those that died during the Holocaust and don't have gravestones. My grandparents

were named the Kleins. I don't know when and where they were born. They lived in Surovce. Grandpa had fourteen children and two wives, but not at the same time. When one died, he married the second. I don't remember the names of Grandpa's wives either, due to the fact that I was too small. I'm assuming that his wives were also from Orthodox families. The Kleins were definitely Orthodox Jews, as in the photo you can see that Grandma is wearing a wig, and my father was also Orthodox. Every day he prayed with tefillin - prayer straps. Grandpa owned a general store, as it used to be in villages 60 years ago. My father didn't talk much about Grandpa, we tried to forget about that whole ?concentration camp journey.?