

Galina Shkolnikova's Aunts Revekka Sevchenko And Sarah Farber



These are my aunts Revekka Farber (on the left) and Sarah Shevchenko [nee Farber]. Sarah came from Moscow to visit Riva in Leningrad. They are walking in the Lower Park in Petrodvorets, a Leningrad suburb, in 1955. In my opinion, a lot of our relatives had successful lives. God was

merciful to them: they survived repression, genocide and the war, though some of the relatives perished during the Holocaust. My father's older sister, Sarah, was born in 1898. She took the patronymic of her father's common name. She graduated from the Agricultural Institute in Dnepropetrovsk and worked as a veterinarian. Her Russian husband worked as an agronomist. They had three children: two daughters, Kima and Alvina, and a son, Leonid, who died at the age of 3, when he was hit by a car. Their family lived in Moscow. During the war they were in evacuation. Sarah died in Moscow in 1968. Revekka married a Russian, but didn't change her last name. Her husband was in the war, beginning with the Finnish war and concluding with the war with Japan. He was a politruk [political official]. She was a doctor, an epidemiologist, and worked in besieged Leningrad during the war. Her daughter, Victoria, born in 1937, graduated from the Electro-Technical Institute named after Bonch-Bruyevich. Revekka died in Leningrad in 1970 and was buried in the 'Victims of 9th January' cemetery.