

The Braun And Simko Family



This is the Braun and Simko family. On the left: my father Artur Simko, my mother Irena Simkova, nee Braunova, my brother Ivan Simko, me and our cousins. The photo was taken in Nitra in the 1930s. My father was a judge. We didn't go hungry, but neither were we rich. I know that my father's monthly salary was 1200 crowns [in 1929, it was decreed by law that one Czechoslovak crown (Kc) was equal in value to 44.58 mg of gold - Editor's note]. That was a lot, but not again that huge an amount. The only one in the family back then to have a car was Serena Szilagyi. We also had one permanent household helper, besides the one that took care of us children. She took care of the household, cooked and did the shopping. She lived with us. I also know that she used to get 20 crowns a month.