

Jenny Blochova



This is a photograph of my grandmother on my father's side, Jenny Blochova. The photo shows her at around 40 years old, and was taken in Dubi. My grandma was born in 1848. She was a housewife; I don't think that she had any higher education. At the age of 39 she was operated on for breast cancer, she lived to be 69, and died in 1917 in Dubi. I never got to personally know my grandmother or grandfather on my father's side. Their mother tongue was German. Both were from purely Jewish families, nevertheless I don't know what their personal relationship to Judaism was like. Judging by the attitudes of their children, I suspect that they were conscious of their Jewish identity but weren't religious. I think that more likely they financially supported Jews that found

themselves in need. My grandparents had all told eleven children, five boys and six girls. Oskar, Olga, Otto, Artur, Adela, Elsa, Bedriská, who they called Frida, Marketa, Helena, Egon and Kamil. The youngest was Kamil, who however died in childhood.