

Viliam Brody's Academy Of Commerce Graduation Photo



These are portraits of high school graduates in 1917-1918 of "Pozsonyi felső kereskedelmi iskola", the Academy of Commerce in Bratislava. Here I can identify my the brother of my grandmother, Viliam Brody. Most of the students are of Jewish origin.

An interesting fact was that two Brody siblings, Janka Brodyova and Viliam Brody married two siblings of the Stern family in a mutual wedding. Viliam married Adriana and Janka married my grandfather Helmut.

Adriana spoke eleven languages fluently. In 1939 she left with her husband for Great Britain (after my granduncle protected an old Jew beaten by members of the Hlinka guards - he was a handsome tall man), where she was a lecturer at university. Here she was a teacher at the secondary school on Grosslingova Street in Bratislava. Adriana's life dream was to go on a voyage on the river Rhine, and she did, and during this voyage she had a heart attack and died. Viliam Brody established a small firm for typing machines which later became a part of IBM. He died in Oxford in 1995. They didn't have children.