

The Stern Family



This is a photo of the Stern family on the beach, taken in 1931, on the north coast of Germany. At the right bottom we can see my great-grandfather Adolf Stern and his son Helmut Stern. His daughter Adriana Stern hugs them both. My great-grandfather Adolf was born in 1871 in Humenne, then Austria-Hungary. He got married in 1902, to Elizabeth, who was born in 1873 and died in 1959 in Great Britain. She left Slovakia after the war. My grandfather was born in Opava in 1906, when my great-grandfather was working there. My grandfather attended the Czechoslovak State Trade Academy in Bratislava from 1922-23. At least two thirds of the students were of Jewish origin. The only person still alive from his class is Mr. Marcel Kucera, who is about 90 now. After the war my grandfather worked as an accountant. Adriana was born in 1905. She spoke eleven languages fluently. 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. In 1939 she left with her husband for Great Britain, 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.