

The Stern Family



This picture was taken in July 1921 on the coast of the Northern sea. From left to right are my grandfather's sister Adriana Brodyova, nee Sternova, my grandfather Helmut Stern, his mother Elizabeth Sternova, nee Willheim, and my great-grandfather Adolf Stern in swimming suits during their holiday. My great-grandfather Adolf 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.