

The Brody Family



This is a New Year's Eve celebration. From the right to the left there are Marcus Brody and my grandmother Johanna or Janka Sternova, nee Brodyova. The picture was taken on 1st January 1929 at 2.45 am. My grandmother's family was one of the oldest families of Hlohovec. Hlohovec is a small town some 50 kilometers from Bratislava. Its Jewish community dates back to medieval times. Before the war some 1,000 Jews lived in Hlohovec. My great-grandmother, Sofia Brodyova, nee Quitt, was born in 1863 and died in 1923. Her husband was Jakob Brody [1861-1932], who, as far as I know, owned a pub in Hlohovec. Their children were Jenö, Katy, Bela, Viliam, Melania, Henrich, Ignac, Marcus and my grandmother Janka. Marcus or Marci Brody, my grandmother's brother, graduated in 1907 in Budapest and became a well-known lawyer in Bratislava. He is the only one in our family to be buried in a Catholic cemetery because he married a Catholic woman. He never converted and they had no children. He was the only one in our family to be buried in a Catholic cemetery, called St. Martin's cemetery in Bratislava, next to the Manderla grave.