

Leonora Acs And Siblings



This was taken in the Ullo street apartment. Probably around 1918. The furniture is familiar, and the curtain, and I remember the pictures. I remember the carpet, and this chair, which had a little gold writing table with it. He used to put his hands on it, and the chair that goes with it. Here's the vase, lots of flowers. My grandmother loved flowers, we had a lot in the apartment. From the left is Lajos Sebestyen reclining, beside him is his older brother Erno, sitting on a gilded chair is Lili and standing behind her is my mother, Leonora. I lived here later with my parents, after my father's fruit and vegetable wholesale company went bankrupt in Nagykoros. It's a four room apartment. Though my grandmother had her teacher accreditation, she didn't work. Women traditionally took care of the raising of children then. In the 1920s, it was not an easy thing to raise four children from one income. Both the boys, Erno and Lajos were trained as lawyers, and for my grandfather to afford that expense, his two daughters had to find husbands from wealthy families. That was the cost of educating the boys. The girls succeeded. Note well, that the boys couldn't really practice because, by the time they were qualified, the Jewish laws came in. The older brother, my uncle Erno Sebestyen, probably lawyered a little bit, but Lajos never did.