

Vera Tomanic's Family



The picture was taken in Osijek in early 1941, on the 25th wedding anniversary of my parents Pavao Bluhm and Elza Bluhm (nee Grunwald). First from the left is my younger sister Lilie, next to her my mother Elza, third from the left am I, and next to me is my father Pavao. After finishing the Commercial Academy in 1915, my father went to Belisce to work at the Guttman family's railroad. He got the work easily because he spoke Hungarian and he was qualified. He started working as the director of a sector. Father only learned Croatian in Belisce. My mother Elza lived in Bistrinci, literally the neighborhood next to Belisce. Through fortunate circumstances, Mother and Father met and married in 1916.