

Augusta Borisovna Dombrovskaya



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Дорогим моим
гиткам, Дуня,
Слеба и родным
Борисовна
Мама

This is my great-grandmother on my father's side, Augusta Borisovna Dombrovskaya. The photo was taken in Moscow in 1915. The inscription reads: 'To dear Dina, Lyova and beloved Bobochka.' Dina was Augusta's daughter, my grandmother Dinora Dombrovskaya, Lyova is her son-in-law Leib Borisovich Zilber, my grandfather, and Bobochka is my father, Boris Leibovich Zilber.

I know hardly anything about my great-grandfather on my father's side, Gdaliy Dombrovsky. He was a very rich man, an owner of steamships, but I don't know when – all his steamships sunk and he went bankrupt. My great-grandmother on my father's side, Augusta Borisovna Dombrovskaya, came from Tomsk. I don't know when she was born, or when she died. She was a very educated lady, knew several foreign languages, and she left Tomsk right after the revolution with her children and headed for Moscow, where, as I was told, she became one of the secretaries of Sverdlov.