

Andreja's Grandfather



Photo of my grandfather Josef Hamburger, Levice (Czechoslovakia), 1920.

I know a little more about my other grandfather because we always went on vacation together to Levice, today Slovakia.

He was a very hardworking man. He had a store and a house with a garden that he tended to. He had a tailor shop with textiles. He supported one son in his education to become an engineer. This son was the first to marry a non-Jewish woman. His other son was a merchant and took care of the store. All five daughters received their dowries and were married in succession. He was very vain and a master tailor. If a client did not like a suit he would remake it at his own expense since he did not want anything that was not perfect to leave his store. He was well liked, he had a lot of

employees and tailors who worked for him and he ran the store. During communism in 1919 [the Hungarian Soviet Republic which lasted 133 days], they took his shop and the next day it was returned to him.