

Lazar Solomovici



This is Lazar Solomovici, the son of Dora Solomovici, my mother's sister.

My mother had a sister, Dora Solomovici. She was 1 or 2 years younger than my mother [was born around 1875-76]. She lived in Botosani as well. On Calea Nationala St., as you head towards the cemetery, way up, that's where she lived when the children were small. Her husband - whom I haven't met, either - died, and left her with 4 children. However, all of them graduated high school, they made a life for themselves. These were my 4 cousins: Liza, Tili, Benu, and Lazar. Lazar was the eldest, followed by Liza - she was 1 year older than me. Benu and Tili were younger - Benu was 1 year younger than me and Tili was 3-4 years younger than me. And my aunt was left a widow to raise the children, and my uncle - Avram Klein - supported her and the children. He took care of most anything when the children were little - he supplied them with various things, gave my aunt spending money. And there was also the money that the eldest child earned - Lazar. My aunt sent

him as apprentice to a watchmaker, he learned watchmaking, and he helped supporting the household, as much as he could. He learned watchmaking because my uncle said he had to learn a trade. And he worked as a watchmaker here, in Botosani, but he worked for an employer, he didn't run his own shop. He was a very good lad. But he had tuberculosis and died when he was young, when he was in his 30's. He wasn't married. He is buried here, in Botosani.