

Marim Haller With Friends



This is the undersigned, Marim Haller, the one on the right, my cousin, Liza Schwartz - the daughter of Dora Solomovici, my mother's sister -, the one on the left, Mrs. Seindl Margulies is the one in the middle, and the one in front is Aniela Margulies - Margulies' daughter - with her puppy. The photograph was taken in front of the Margulies's house. It could be during the early 1930's. It was I who recommended my cousin to be hired at Margulies, and she worked as a cashier there afterwards.

I entered a job when I was 13, and I was already earning money by then. Little as it was, but it helped to support the household. If my mother was unemployed... [I would go to] School during half of the day, [and go to] work during the remaining half. It was like this: if I had classes in the morning, I would go to school in the afternoon. If I had classes in the afternoon, I would go to work in the morning, and again at 4 in the afternoon when I returned from school. And I worked until evening. My employer's name was Solomon Margulies, he had a store where colonial products were sold, retail and wholesale - he also sold products wholesale to others who supplied themselves from him. At first, I was hired as a commercial intern - but I was paid for it. We were required by the school to complete a period of internship. And by completing my internship there, I remained employed afterwards as well, and worked as an accountant. I remained employed at this store for colonial products for a very long time. I worked at Margulies since 1929 until 1943.

My mother had a sister, Dora Solomovici. She lived in Botosani as well. 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: Lazar, Liza, Benu and Tili. 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.

Liza was 1 year older than me [was born in 1914]. Liza won the title of Miss Botosani. I no longer remember how she was voted. All I know is that she was declared Miss Botosani. She had beautiful blue eyes. Liza got married in Bucharest, her name was Liza Schwartz afterwards. Her husband died not long after they got married. Liza didn't have any children. She died in Bucharest, I forget when. In any case, it happened later on, for I knew her even when she was in her 40's, 50's.