

Eleonora Kowalewska



This is my sister-in-law Eleonora Kowalewska. I wonder if that picture was taken before or after the war [WWII]. Eleonora came from a rich and enlightened family, so she might have travelled before the war. I don't know who took this photo.

My sister-in-law's name was Eleonora. That was the name on her birth certificate. Her family also came from Zamosc. Eleonora was a communist activist. This sister-in-law was raised by the sister of Isaac Leib Peretz, who was like a grandmother to her. Eleonora Epstein's real grandmother died young. A friend of the family – I.L. Peretz's sister – Mrs. Goldsztajn took over that role.

I can't say much about that family, but this grandmother was an exceptional woman. When the Jewish militiamen came to get her to deport her to a death camp, probably the camp in Belzec, she didn't go with them. She simply told them she wouldn't go. So they shot her right away.

She had two sons. One was in the Soviet Union, and that's where he died, and the second one was here, in Poland. He was an engineer. He had two daughters. Their mother was a doctor. Two charming girls. They were living next to us in Zamosc. Both were captured by those Jewish traitors, when their mother and father were not at home. And they both died.