

Polina Volgart And Her Family



To the left is my grandpa Morduchai Grinberg, my mother's sister Polina Volgart, her husband and daughter are next to him. This picture was taken in Marienhof in 1927 during vacations.

My family comes from the small town of Jurbarkas 200 kilometers away from Vilnius. My maternal grandpa, Morduchai Grinberg, was born in Jurbarkas in 1864. Morduchai was involved in commerce. He was neither rich nor poor. His wife, Grunya, was also born in Jurbarkas. She died at a rather young age from some sort of a disease in 1905. She died and six children became orphans. Grandpa didn't remarry, though he was a rather young man. He didn't want his children to be brought up by a stepmother. Morduchai and Grunya had three sons and three daughters.

My mother's sisters were married to well-off people and had a comfortable living. The eldest, Polina, born in 1893, was married to the venereal disease doctor Volgart. They lived in Riga. They had two children. Polina, her husband, and their two children perished in 1941 during Fascist actions in Riga.