

Golda Gutner 's Grandfather, Boruch Lurye



My grandfather, Boruch Lurye. Beginning of the 20th century; Konotop.

Let me start with my grandfather, my mother's father. I don't know where he came from. I only know that he was born into a very poor Jewish family. His name was Boruch Lurye. He was a tinsmith and owned a workshop with work-hands in Konotop. The buckets and other articles they made they took to fairs. Mother told me that as a young man my grandfather was a soldier. At that time soldiers were to serve in the army for 25 years. He got very sick in the army. According to my mother, the doctors told my grandfather that he should go to St. Petersburg, to the tsar himself, and get a release from the army. I don't know who received him in St. Petersburg in reality, but he took his documents about kidney disease there; he was transferred to the reserve and returned to Konotop, to his wife. Grandfather died at the age of 48, in 1905, from his kidney disease. In those

times young people created families. Grandfather was around 17 years old when he married my grandmother, Fruma-Tsivye.