

Moishe Lerner



This is my maternal grandfather Moishe Lerner. The picture was taken in photographer's parlor Fabier in Kishinev, in the 1930s, during my stay with my relatives.

My mother's parents, Moishe and Sura Lerner, born in Vad-Rashkov in the 1870s, had a modest living. Grandfather's creamery was the only source of income for the whole family. Although the yielded income wasn't high, it was enough for the Lerner's to get by. The creamery premises are still preserved in the town. Moishe had an adobe house, consisting of three rooms. The members of this large family usually gathered in the largest room during family reunions on Sabbath, on Jewish and family holidays.

Moishe and Sura lived the way other Jews from small towns did. They observed Jewish traditions, celebrated Sabbath, went to the synagogue, even raised their children in a Jewish spirit. Finally, at the end of the 1930s Grandfather was severely afflicted with leukemia. He died on 9th May 1941. Moishe and Sura raised five children.