

Efim Geifman's Father Iosif-Haim Geifman



My father Iosif-Haim Geifman. Ovruch, 1910. My father Ios-Haim Elia-Berkovich Geifman was born in 1891. He must have been born in Novograd-Volynskiy. I don't have any information about his childhood or education. In one of pictures he's wearing some kind of a uniform. He was literate and had beautiful handwriting. This shows that he must have studied somewhere. My mother told me that my father could sing and play the violin and flute. After the civil war my father was Chairman of the United Consumers' Community in Novograd-Volynskiy. Although he wasn't a member of the Communist Party, he had an official position being an intelligent and honest man. Once he went on business to Zhytomir. He let his accountant take a seat in the cabin and he sat in the body of the truck. He was wearing shoes although the weather was cold. His employees told him to take warm boots from the storage facility but he refused, saying that warm boots were for the workers. He caught cold that resulted in the fulminate tuberculosis. His friends took him to a hospital in Kiev but they failed to stop the hemorrhage. He only lived three months. He was buried at the Jewish cemetery in Kiev. My father died in 1926 when I was 3 years old.