

Efim Geifman's Father Iosif Geifman And Father's Friend Grigoriy Shtaksal



From left to right: my father Iosif Geifman and his friend Grigoriy Shtaksal. Novograd-Volynskiy, 1922. 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.