

Ruzena R. With Her Brother Rudolf And Nanny



This photo was taken in Topolcany in 1929. It's the first picture of me, Ruzena. I'm the one on the left. I was about six or seven months old here. You can also see my older brother Rudolf and our 'Kinderfräulein,' or nanny. I don't remember this particular nanny because they kept changing.

Our staff was composed of a maid and a 'Kinderfräulein,' who watched over me and my brother Rudolf. The household was under my mother's command. The maid cleaned house and cooked. In the morning she'd go to the market with my mother, and would bring it home. She'd then receive instructions as to what to do while my mother would go and help my father in the store. The maid cooked, set the table and after lunch would wash the dishes.