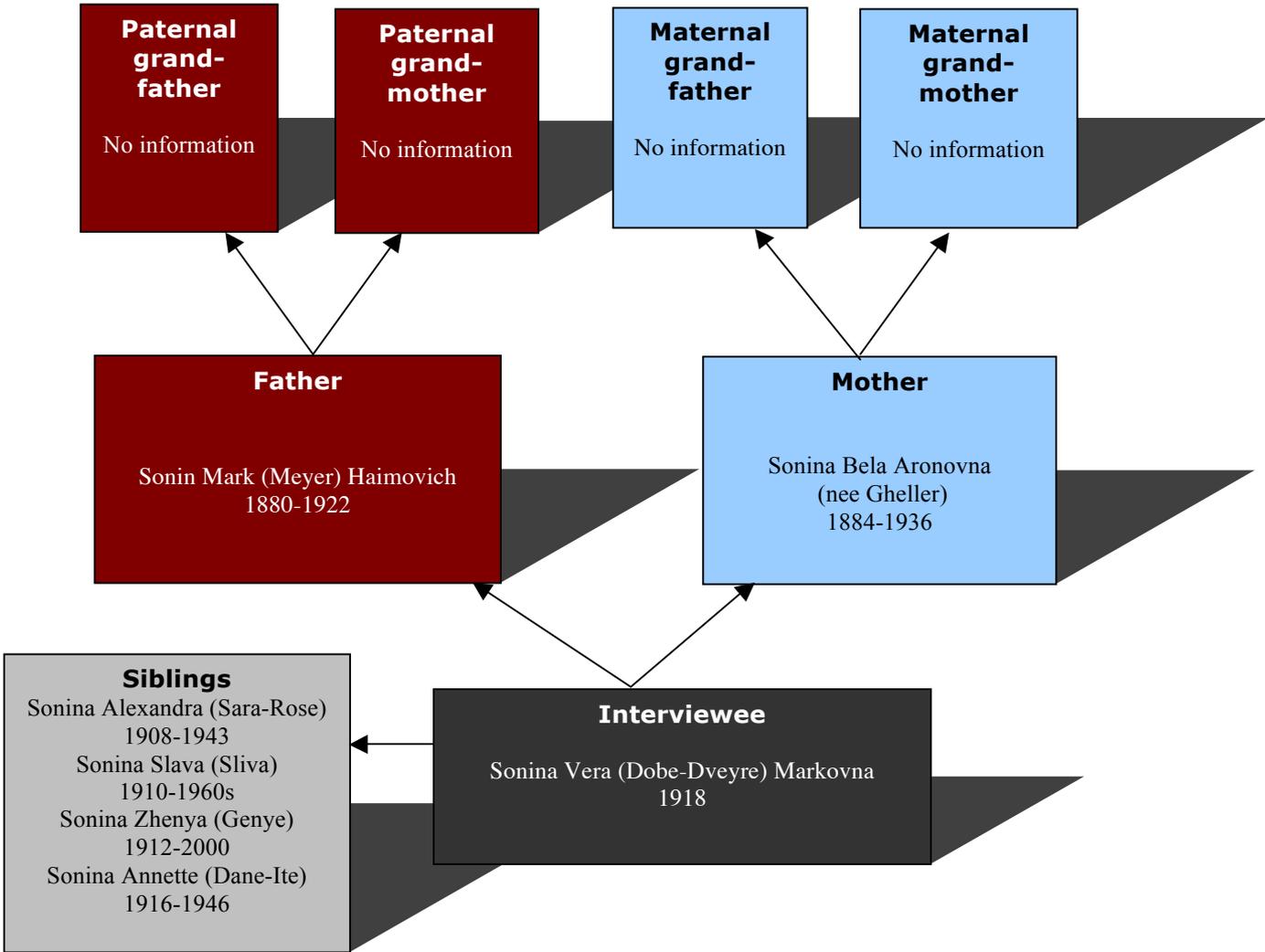


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Sonina Vera (Dobe-Dveyre) Markovna

Where and when were you born?

Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), 1918

Where else did you live?

Petrograd (Leningrad, St. Petersburg)

Your educational level?

Leningrad College of Physical Culture named after Lesgaft, Leningrad Theatrical College

What sort of work do/did you do?

A nurse, an actress, a teacher

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised?

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What is your mother tongue?

Russian

How many languages do you speak?

French (a little)

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Odessa (worked in a hospital), Samarkand (worked in a hospital), Tomsk (studied at the College), Novosibirsk (studied at the College)

Siblings

Their names

Sonina Alexandra (Sara-Rose) (f)
Sonina Slava (Sliva) (f)
Sonina Zhenya (Genye) (f)
Sonina Annette (Dane-Ite) (f)

Where and when were they born?

Alexandra (Sara-Rose): Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), 1908
Slava (Sliva): Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), 1910
Zhenya (Genye): Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), 1912
Annette (Dane-Ite): Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), 1916

What is their mother tongue?

Russian

Their educational level?

Alexandra (Sara-Rose): evening faculty of some economic college in Leningrad
Slava (Sliva): Textile College
Zhenya (Genye): no information
Annette (Dane-Ite): Hydrological Technical School

Their occupations?

Alexandra (Sara-Rose): no information
Slava (Sliva): no information
Zhenya (Genye): no information
Annette (Dane-Ite): an engineer

Where do/did they live?

Alexandra (Sara-Rose): Petrograd (Leningrad)
Slava (Sliva): Petrograd (Leningrad)
Zhenya (Genye): Petrograd (Leningrad, St. Petersburg)
Annette (Dane-Ite): Petrograd (Leningrad)

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

Slava (Sliva): daughter Rita

Zhenya (Genye): daughter Bela

Where and when did they die?

Alexandra (Sara-Rose): Leningrad, 1943

Slava (Sliva): Leningrad, 1960s

Zhenya (Genye): St. Petersburg, 2000

Annette (Dane-Ite): Leningrad, 1946

Father

His name?

Mark (Meyer) Haimovich Sonin

Where and when was he was born?

No information, 1880

Where else did he live?

Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), Smolensk

Where and when did he die?

Smolensk, 1922

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

A clerk at a grain-collecting station

What was his level of religiosity?

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What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Sonina Bela Aronovna (nee Gheller)

Where and when was she was born?

Pochapy (now Ukraine), 1884

Where else did she live?

Zaporozhye (now Ukraine), Smolensk, Petrograd (Leningrad)

Where and when did she die?

Leningrad, 1936

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

A housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

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What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before