Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Maria Rolnikayte

Where and when were you born? Klaypeda, 1927

Where else did you live? Plunge, Vilnius

Your educational level? Moscow Literary College

What sort of work do/did you do? Vilnius Municipal Arts Department, an editor State Vilnius Philharmonic Society, an editor Translator of theatrical pieces and fiction Writer

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised? My grandfather observed traditions especially strictly. Therefore we celebrated Pesach and I always asked those 4 questions. After that I used to get 1 kg of nuts. Together with my grandmother we lighted Sabbath candles. And though Mom was not religious, she observed kashrut: separated meat and dairy food.

What is your mother tongue? Yiddish

How many languages do you speak? Lithuanian, Russian, German, Polish Where were you during the Holocaust? Vilnius ghetto Strasdenhof and Stutthof concentration camps

Siblings

Their names Miriam Lissauskene (nee Rolnikayte) (f) Raya Rolnikayte (f) Ruvel Rolnik (m)

Where and when were they born? Miriam: Klaypeda, 1924 Raya: Klaypeda, 1934 Ruvel: Klaypeda, 1936

What is their mother tongue? Yiddish

Their educational level? Miriam: Vilnius University, Faculty of Law

Their occupations? Miriam: a lawyer

Where do/did they live? Miriam: Klaypeda Raya: Plunge, Vilnius Ruvel: Plunge, Vilnius

Where else did they live? Miriam: Vilnius

Do they have children? Miriam: 2 sons Where and when did they die? Raya: Vilnius ghetto, 1943 Ruvel: Vilnius ghetto, 1943

Spouse

Name?

Semen Tsukernik

Where and when was he/she born? Petrograd (now St. Petersburg), 1922

Where else did he live?

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Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

His/her educational level? Leningrad Polytechnical College

Occupation?

An engineer

Father

His name? Hirsh Rolnik

Where and when was he was born? Plunge, 1898

Where else did he live? Vilnius

Where and when did he die? Vilnius, 1973

What sort of education did he have? Humboldt University in Berlin College of German Language and Literature in Berlin

What sort of work did he do?

A lawyer

What was his level of religiosity? Not religious

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: Which army and what years? Soviet Army, 1941-1945

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) Mikhey (m): 1918–1941, a lawyer in Paris, no family Meir (m): ?–1973, a bookshop owner, after 1926 lived in Palestine, later in Israel, wife Hende, sons Yoran and Ronan, daughter Sara Berl (m): ?–1974, before 1940 was a fancy goods department owner, wife Rive, a son and a daughter Pessya (f): ?–1940s, died from starvation in Riga ghetto, her husband and 2 children died in Riga ghetto

Where was he during the Holocaust? At the front line

Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name? Itsik Abel Rolnik

Where and when was he born? Plunge, no information

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die? Plunge, 1941

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Shop assistant

What was his level of religiosity? He observed Tradition, celebrated Jewish holidays, visited synagogue.

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? In Plunge

Paternal grandmother

Your father's mother's name? Hana Rolnikene

Where and when was she born? Plunge, no information

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die? Plunge, 1941

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? A shop assistant

What was her level of religiosity? She observed traditions, celebrated Jewish holidays, attended synagogue

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.)

A brother

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Mother

Her name?

Tayber Rolnikene (nee Koganayte)

Where and when was she was born? Trishkay, 1898

Where else did she live? Plunge, Vilnius, Telshe

Where and when did she die? Vilnius, 1943

What sort of education did she have? Gymnasium

What sort of work did she do? A housewife

What was her level of religiosity? She was not religious, but observed traditions

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.)

Leybe, no information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Vilnius ghetto

Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name? Aron Kogan

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? No information

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? No information

What was his level of religiosity? No information

What was his mother tongue? No information

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

Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name? No information

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? No information

Where and when did she die? Telshe, 1940s

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? No information

What was her level of religiosity? She observed Tradition, celebrated Jewish holidays, attended synagogue.

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?

Telshe