# Family Tree



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name* Dobrina Klavdiyevna Rivkind (nee – Rivkind, husband was a relative)

Where and when were you born? Leningrad, 1932

Where else did you live? 1932-1941: Leningrad; 1941-1944: Solikamsk, the Urals; 1944-1956: Leningrad; 1956-1969: Kirovsk, Murmansk region; 1969 – up to now: Leningrad (St.Petersburg)

Your educational level?

1951-1956: Leningrad Medical Institute

What sort of work do/did you do?

1956-1969: doctor at the Municipal Hospital, Kirovsk, Murmansk region; 1969-1973: ophthamologist at a polyclinic , Leningrad;

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? My parents did not believe in God but celebrated some holidays (Pesach, Succoth, Rosh Hashanah) without adding any religious meaning to them.

*What is your mother tongue?* Russian How many languages do you speak?

Where were you during the Holocaust? 1941-1944: evacuation, Solikamsk.

#### Siblings

*Their names* Dora Klavdiyevna Verlinskaya (nee – Rivkind)

Where and when were they born? Leningrad, 1927

What is their mother tongue? Russian

Their educational level? Leningrad Medical Institute

Their occupations? 1952-1963: physician at a polyclinic, Leningrad; 1963-up to present: geneticist at a medical-diagnostic center in St. Petersburg

Where do/did they live? St.Petersburg

Where else did they live? 1941-1944: Solikamsk, the Urals

Do they have children? One daughter: Bella Iosifovna Verlinskaya, 1952, St. Petersburg, engineerprogrammer

#### Spouse

Name? Lev Isaacovich Rivkind

Where and when was he/she born? 1929, Gomel (Belorus)

Where else did he live? Leningrad, Kirovsk, Murmansk region

*Is he/she Jewish?* Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

His/her educational level?

1948-1953: Belorussian Institute of Railroad Transport, Gomel

Occupation? 1959-1970: construction engineer, "Apatite-plant" construction trust, Kirovsk Murmansk region; 1970-1992: team-leader, industrial construction, Leningrad (St.Petersburg)

Where and when did he/she die? St.Petersburg, 1997

### Children

Their names? Vladimir Lvovich Rivkind; Raisa Lvovna Rivkind (did not take her husband's name)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? My children identify themselves as Jews, though they were not raised as Jews.

Where and when were they born? Vladimir: Gomel, 1960; Raisa: Gomel, 1963;

Where else did they live? Both in Kirovsk, Murmansk region

Their educational level? Vladimir: 1977–1984: Leningrad Polytechnic Institute; Raisa: 1980-1985: Forestry Engineering Academy, Leningrad;

Their occupations? Vladimir: engineer-programmer, head of laboratory; Raisa: engineer-gardener;

How many grandchildren do you have? Olga, 1985, student of GUAP (State University of Aerospace Tool Production); Nadezhda, 1989, schoolgirl.

### Father

#### His name?

Khlavno Leibovich Rivkind (later - Klavdy Ivanovich, changed his name apparently for reasons of assimilation)

Where and when was he was born? Smolyany shtetl, Vitebsk province, 1898

Where else did he live? Vitebsk, Sverdlovsk (present name Yekaterinburg), Kirovsk, Leningrad

Where and when did he die? Leningrad, 1972

What sort of education did he have? Graduated from the Mining Institute in Sverdlovsk

What sort of work did he do? Mining engineer at "Apatite" trust, Kirovsk

#### How religious was he?

He knew the history of the Jewish people, as well as the religious holidays. He was not a believer though he observed the traditions as far as possible: attended the synagogue on fall holidays, celebrated Pesakh. He turned to faith not long before his death

What was his mother tongue? Russian, but spoke Yiddish very well Army service: Which army and what years? None

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

He had 6 half-brothers and 2 half-sisters on his father's side, and a sister on his mother's side:

1)Moisey (1882, Vitebsk – 1947, Kuibyshev (present name Samara)). timber merchant; married a Jew, daughter Gita, a doctor.

2)Isaac (1894-1966). Lived in Vitebsk and Gomel, commercial manager of a chocolate factory in Gomel.

3)Fanya (1870s, Vitebsk – 1940s, Moscow). Lived in Leningrad.

4)Beilya (1877, Vitebsk -1940s, Leningrad). Married a Jew, daughter Sara, son Mikhail. Died in besieged Leningrad.

Other four of them emigrated to America in the 1910s and I know nothing more about them.

Where was he during the Holocaust? 1941-1944: evacuation in Solikamsk, the Urals

*If he survived, what did he do after?* Mining engineer in "Apatite" trust, Kirovsk.

# **Paternal grandfather**

*Your father's father name?* Leiba Rivkind

Where and when was he born? Vitebsk, 1860

Where else did he live? Vitebsk

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Teacher in a Jewish primary school

How religious was he? He was a very religious person, observed all traditions, holidays and fasts, kept kosher, went to the synagogue. – that's all information

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? None 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

# **Paternal grandmother**

Your father's mother's name? Doba Rivkind (nee unknown)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Vitebsk

Where and when did she die? Vitebsk, date unknown

What sort of education did she have? None

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

*How religious was she?* Orthodox

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

### **Mother**

*Her name?* Pesya Vulfovna Rivkind (nee Khodek)

Where and when was she was born? Vitebsk, 1899

Where else did she live? Leningrad, Solikamsk

Where and when did she die? St.Petersburg, 1994

What sort of education did she have? Was literate, entered a Medical Institute but did not manage to study there.

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

#### How religious was she?

She celebrated religious holidays and attended the synagogue, while she lived in Vitebsk. She stopped observing the traditions after Soviet power was established

What was her mother tongue? Russian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)She had 2 sisters and 1 brother:1) Khana (1907-1993). Teacher of chorus singing, lived in Vitebsk and Leningrad.

2) Lilya (Liya) (1908, Vitebsk - 1954). Worked at a factory before the war, after the war was a housewife, lived in Leningrad; married a Jew, a career officer (perished in World War II), daughter Nelya, son Boris.
3) Lev (1904-1942). Perished at the front at the very beginning of the war.

Where was she during the Holocaust? 1941-1944: evacuation in Solikamsk

If she survived, what did she do after? Worked at a toy factory

### **Maternal grandfather**

*Your mother's father's name?* Vulf Meyerovich Khodek

Where and when was he born? Vitebsk province, 1864

Where else did he live? Leningrad

Where and when did he die? Leningrad, 1939

What sort of education did he have? Several grades in a Jewish elementary school

What sort of work did he do? Unskilled package producing factory worker

How religious was he? He was very religious; he observed all traditions and celebrated all holidays, kept Shabbat, kept kosher.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? None 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? Tsylya Samuilovna Khodek (nee Rukhman)

Where and when was she born? Vitebsk, 1874

Where else did she live? Leningrad

Where and when did she die? Leningrad, 1949

What sort of education did she have? None

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

How religious was she?

She was a very religious person, observed all fasts, traditions, celebrated holidays and attended the synagogue. Observed Shabbat and kept kosher.

*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.)
She had 1 sister and 1 brother:
1) Nekhama (1884, Vitebsk-1964). Lived in Tashkent.
2) Shimeon (?-?) was deaf-mute.

Where was she during the Holocaust? Stayed in besieged Leningrad.

*If she survived what did she do after?* Housewife