

The interviewee and his family

Full name Elvira Kohn

Where and when were you born? Rijeka, 1914

Where else did you live? Vinkovci, 1915–1932 Dubrovnik, 1932–1942 Zagreb, 1945 -

Your educational level? High school in Vinkovci, and two-year training in photography in a professional studio in Vinkovci

What sort of work do/did you do? Professional photographer and photo-reporter

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?

We celebrated religious holidays such as Rosh Hashanah and Pesach, fasted on Yom Kippur, no pork was consumed but the household wasn't strictly kosher. We ate matzot for Pesach, had cholent for Sabbath, attended synagogue services on Friday, Saturday and holidays, lit candles on Friday night and Chanukkah.

What is your mother tongue? Croatian What other languages do you speak? German, Italian

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates Yugoslavian National Army (JNA) from October 1943 till 1964

Where were you during the Holocaust?

From November 1942 till January 1943: interned in Hotel Vrek in Gruz From January 1943 till May 1943: interned in Czech Hotel in Kupari From May 1943 till September 1943: internment camp Kampor on Island of Rab

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Worked as a photo-reporter with JNA, and for Yugoslavian newspapers and weekly journals

Siblings

Their names Aleksandar Kohn

Where and when were they born? Vienna (today Austria), 1912

What is their mother tongue? Croatian

Their educational level? Trade academy in Osijek

Their occupations? Accountant in British firm Konac in Belgrade (today Serbia)

Where do/did they live? Belgrade

Where else did they live? Vinkovci

Do they have children? N/A Where and when did they die? Killed in a street accident in Belgrade in 1937, buried in Belgrade

Spouse

Name?

None

Children

Their names? None

Father

His name? Bernard Kohn

Where and when was he born? Koska, 1887

Where else did he live? Vinkovci, Vienna (today Austria), Rijeka

Where and when did he die? Nis (today Serbia) 1915 (of typhoid during WWI)

What sort of education did he have? He was literate and finished elementary school (no further information)

What sort of work did he do? Salesman

How religious was he? Not too religious: fasted for Yom Kippur, celebrated Rosh Hashanah but didn't follow the kashrut

What was his mother tongue? Croatian Army service: which army and what years? Austro-Hungarian KuK army, 1914-1915

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical	describe how
	birth/death		and origins of	data of children	religious they were
			spouse		
Sandor Kohn (m)	?- Auschwitz	No information	Not married	No children	No information
	(today Poland),				
	1940s				
Emil Kohn (m)	?- Auschwitz,	Owner of grocery,	Malvina Kohn	Adopted	No information
	1940s	butcher's shop and	(nee ?)	daughter	
		an inn in Podravski	?- Auschwitz,	?-Auschwitz,	
		Podgajci	1940s	1940s	
Malvina Kohn (f)	?- died before	No information	Not married	No children	No information
	WWII of natural				
	causes				
Elza Fischer	?- Auschwitz,	No information	Ignatz Fischer	No children	No information
(nee Kohn) (f)	1940s		? Brcko (today		
			Bosnia and		
			Herzegovina)-		
			Auschwitz, 1940s		
Olga Cvjeticanin	?- Belgrade cc.	No information,	Jovan Cvjeticanin	No children	No information
(nee Kohn) (f)	1990	probably housewife	Orthodox Serb		

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? Ignatz Kohn

Where and when was he born? Slavonia (exact place unknown), 1859

Where else did he live? Golinci

Where and when did he die? Golinci, 1916

What sort of education did he have? Literate (no further information)

What sort of work did he do? Owner of grocery

How religious was he? Not too religious: fasted on Yom Kippur, celebrated Rosh Hashanah but didn't follow the kashrut

What was his mother tongue? Croatian

Army service: which army and what years? No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		data and	of children	they were
			origins of		
			spouse		
Aron Kohn (m)	Lived in Nasice,	No information	No information	No information	No information
	no further				
	information				
Anna	Lived in Osijek,	No information,	Marko	No information	No information
Gruenberger	no further	probably	Gruenberger		
(nee Kohn) (f)	information	housewife			
Rosa Kuerschner	Lived in Osijek,	No information,	No information	No information	No information
(nee Kohn) (f)	no further	probably			
	information	housewife			

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Berta Kohn (nee Deutsch)

Where and when was she born? Slavonia (exact place unknown), 1865

Where else did she live? Golinci

Where and when did she die? Golinci, 1916

What sort of education did she have? Literate (no further information)

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she? Not too religious: fasted on Yom Kippur, celebrated Rosh Hashanah but didn't follow the kashrut What was her mother tongue? Croatian

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		data and	of children	they were
			origins of		
			spouse		
Julius Deutsch	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
(m)					
Josef Deutsch	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
(m)					
Franciska	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Gruenwald					
(nee Deutsch) (f)					
Rosa Kraus	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
(nee Deutsch) (f)					
Kathi Weiss	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
(nee Deutsch) (f)					
Theresie Angelus	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
(nee Deutsch) (f)					
Henriette	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Kerschner					
(nee Deutsch) (f)					
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Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Mother

Her name? Gizela Kohn (nee Klein)

Where and when was she born? Vinkovci, 1892

Where else did she live? Vienna (today Austria), Rijeka, Dubrovnik, Zagreb

Where and when did she die? Zagreb, 1977

What sort of education did she have? High school in Vinkovci, two years of home-economics school

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

She celebrated like Rosh Hashanah, Pesach; fasted on Yom Kippur, no pork was consumed but she didn't lead a strictly kosher household. She ate matzot for Pesach, cholent for Sabbath, attended the synagogue on Friday, Saturday and holidays, lit candles on Friday night and Chanukkah.

What was her mother tongue? Croatian

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Samuel Klein (m)	? - Jasenovac, 1942	No information	No information	Vlado, died of illness before WWII Mirko, killed in Jasenovac, 1942	No information
Dragutin Klein (m)	? - Jasenovac, 1942	No information	Catholic woman, survived WWII	Mirko, killed in Jasenovac, 1942	No information
Tereza Ruzic (nee Klein) (f)	? - Stara Gradiska, 1942	No information	Marko Ruzic, killed in Jasenovac, 1942	Zdenka, killed in Stara Gradiska, 1942 Zlata, died in Israel, 1998	No information
Adela Stiel (nee Klein) (f)	? - Sao Paolo, Brazil, 1983	No information	Erich Stiel German Jew	Daughter Estera living in Brazil today, divorced, has 2 sons	No information

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

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If she survived, what did she do after? Housewife, lived in Zagreb

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Leopold Klein

Where and when was he born? Ruma (today Serbia), 1875

Where else did he live? Vinkovci

Where and when did he die? Stara Gradiska, 1942

What sort of education did he have? Elementary school, trade vocational school

What sort of work did he do? Owner of grocery

How religious was he?

He celebrated like Rosh Hashanah, Pesach; fasted on Yom Kippur, no pork was consumed but she didn't lead a strictly kosher household. He ate matzot for Pesach, cholent for Sabbath, attended the synagogue on Friday, Saturday and holidays, lit candles on Friday night and Chanukkah.

What was his mother tongue? German

Army service: which army and what years? Austro-Hungarian KuK army (date unknown)

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data of	describe how
	birth/death		and origins of	children	religious they
			spouse		were
Matijas Klein (m)	Lived in Vukovar,	No information	No information	Hermina, killed in	No information
	died before			WWII,	
	WWII			Margita, left for Israel	
				before WWII, has 2	
				sons living in kibbutz	
				Shaar Haamakim	
				(today Israel)	
? Soper	Lived in Vienna	No information	? Soper	Alojz Soper, no further	No information
(nee Klein) (f)	(today Austria)			information	

Where was he during the Holocaust? Deported to Stara Gradiska and killed there in 1942

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Rozalija Klein (nee Weiss)

Where and when was she born? Velika Kopanica, 1877

Where else did she live? Vinkovci

Where and when did she die? Stara Gradiska, 1942

What sort of education did she have? Literate (no further information)

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

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Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		data and	of children	they were
			origins of		
			spouse		
Jaksa Weiss (f)	Lived in	No information	No information	a son (no details)	No information
	Slavonski Brod,			and a daughter	
	killed in Stara			Otilia Weiss, both	
	Gradiska, 1942			killed in Stara	
				Gradiska	
Ignatz Weiss (m)	Lived in	No information	No information	Daniel Weiss,	No information
	Slavonski Brod,			doctor, killed in	
	killed in Stara			Stara Gradiska	
	Gradiska, 1942			Jakov Weiss,	
				salesmen, left for	
				Israel in 1949,	
				died in Israel	
Ida Kop	Lived in	No information	? Кор	Hilda,	No information
(nee Weiss) (f)	Slavonski Brod,			Eduard Kop, lived	
	survived in illegal			in USA	
	escape, died in				
	Karlovac				
Tereza Weiss (f)	Lived in	No information	No husband	No children	No information
	Slavonski Brod,				
	killed Stara				
	Gradiska, 1942				
Sister: first name	Lived in	No information	? Kaiser, killed	One son	No information
unknown,	Slavonski Brod,		Stara Gradiska,		
married Kaiser	killed Stara		1942		
	Gradiska, 1942				

Where was she during the Holocaust? Deported to Stara Gradiska and killed there in 1942