

## The interviewee and his family

*Full name* Revekka Mexina

Where and when were you born? Novo-Ukrainka Elisavetgrad province 1913

Where else did you live? Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd), Shterovka (Donbass), Lugansk, Leningrad, Stalingrad, Kramatorsk, Chernovtsy

Your educational level? Graduated from the Electric Engineering Institute/Shterovka, Donbass, Department of electric power plants

What sort of work do/did you do? Electric engineer

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised? Traditional Jewish family, moderately religious. Observed the main traditions.

What is your mother tongue? Yiddish

How many languages do you speak? Russian, Ukrainian If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates No

Where were you during the Holocaust? Evacuation, Novosibirsk

### Siblings

*Their names* Israil Mexin Ida Mexina

Where and when were they born? Both of them were born in Novo-Ukrainka, Elisavetgrad province Israil - 1903 Ida - 1908

What is their mother tongue? Yiddish

Their educational level? Israil – graduated from Kharkov Polytechnic University, department of electric production equipment; Ida – finished bookkeeping college.

Their occupations? Israil – Chief dispatcher/Moskwa-Vilga channel, after the war – power engineering specialist at the Ministry of power plants; Ida - accountant

Where do/did they live? Israil - Moscow Ida - Moscow

Where else did they live? Israil - Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd), Kharkov, Donbass, Dmitrov, Moscow region, Moscow Ida - Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd), Kharkov, Moscow

Do they have children? No No Where and when did they die? Israil - Moscow, 1985 Ida - Moscow, 1983

### Spouse

Name? Alexandr (Shaya) Nepomniaschy

Where and when was he/she born? Dmitrovka, Elisavetgrad province, 1910

Where else did he live? Kirovograd, Shahty (Donbass), Leningrad, Stalingrad, Kramatorsk, Chernovtsy

*Is he/she Jewish?* Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?* Yiddish

His/her educational level?

Graduated from Leningrad Mine University/Mechanical Department and Military Engineering Academy.

Occupation? Weapon design engineer

### Children

Their names? Valery Nepomniaschy

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? He wasn't raised Jewish, but he identifies himself as a Jew

Where and when were they born? Stalingrad, August 1939

Where else did they live? Chernovtsy, Novosibirsk

Their educational level?

Graduated from Chernovtsy University/Department of Cybernetics; post-graduate studies , Novosibirsk university

Their occupations? Chief of laboratory at the scientific research institute/Novosibirsk department of the Academy of Sciences – Russia

How many grandchildren do you have? None

## Father

*His name?* Mendel Mexin

Where and when was he was born? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province 1874

Where else did he live? Novo-Ukrainka, Elisavetgrad province, Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd),

Where and when did he die? Kirovograd, 1941

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Expert/Timber storage facility

What was his level of religiosity? He was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: Which army and what years?\_\_\_\_\_ No

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

Abram, 1870 – 1914, Novo-Ukrainka, Elisavetgrad province, he and his two sons perished during the pogrom, his 3 other sons and a daughter survived.

Lev, 1872 – 1956, chief of the construction trust, Kharkov, single, was repressed,

1940 – 1950 – prison camps, lived in Byelorussia after the rehabilitation, foreman at the construction site.

Doba, 1875 – 1956, Kharkov, married, housewife, no children.

Eva, 1878 - 1941, married, lawyer, Kharkov, 1 daughter.

Brother, I don't remember his name, moved to America in the 1910s.

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# Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name? Yankel (Yakov) Mexin

Where and when was he born? ? town or village ? Cherkassy province 1848

Where else did he live? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province

Where and when did he die? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province 1887

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Owned a store what kind of?

What was his level of religiosity? He was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

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

## **Paternal grandmother**

Your father's mother's name? Tumer Mexina (nee - No information)

Where and when was she born? No information 1850

Where else did she live? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province, Novo-Ukrainka, Elisavetgrad province, Kirovograd

Where and when did she die? Kirovograd, 1933

*What sort of education did she have?* At home

*What sort of work did she do?* Hous<u>e</u>wife

What was her level of religiosity? She was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

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

## Mother

*Her name?* Hana Mexina nee Balahovskaya

Where and when was she was born? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province 1884

Where else did she live? Novo-Ukrainka, Elisaetgrad province, Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd), Dmitrov Moscow region, Chernovtsy.

Where and when did she die? Chernovtsy, 1961

What sort of education did she have? At home, grammar school

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

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.) Nuhim, 1885 – 1942, lawyer, married, 2 sons and a daughter, died in the evacuation in Ural. Solomon, 1886 – 1918, single, student of Economy Department at university, perished during the pogrom in Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province; Moisey, 1891 – 1918, single, Department of economy, student, perished during the pogrom in Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province. Rahil, 1888 – 1941, married, Rosenfeld after her husband, her husband was a teacher, lived in Cherkassy, son Efim 1921 – 1930, her husband died after their son's death. Rahil moved to her father in Kirovograd; she was killed during an air raid in 194???.

Where was she during the Holocaust? Evacuation, Novosibirsk

*If she survived, what did she do after?* She lived in Moscow, then in Chernovtsy, housewife

### Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name? Yankel (Yakov) Balahovsky

Where and when was he born? No information 1860

Where else did he live? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province, Elisavetgrad (Kirovograd)

Where and when did he die? Kirovograd 1940

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Before the revolution he worked as a housekeeper for count Bobrinsky, after the revolution he worked as a janitor

What was his level of religiosity?

He was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? No Deleted:

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) No information

## Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name? Feiga Balahovskaya (nee Shtilman)

Where and when was she born? Tsvetnoye, Cherkassy province 1865

Where else did she live?

Where and when did she die? Tsvetnoye, Chrkassy province 1918 – killed during a pogrom

What sort of education did she have? At home

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

What was her level of religiosity? She was religious: went to the synagogue every week, prayed, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashruth

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