

Nuska Klinger And His Family



This is my uncle Nuska Klinger and his family. First row from left to right: Uncle Nuska's grandson Roma, Uncle Nuska and his daughter Lisa. Second row: Nuska's daughter Bella and her husband Grisha Topelberg. This photo was taken in Odessa in 1950.

My father's half-brother Nuska was born in 1897. He was handicapped. He had cerebral paralysis of his legs. In 1916 he also moved to Odessa. He had no education and worked as a shoemaker. He had a small shoe-repair shop. He had a license. He married a Jewish girl named Rukhl. They had two daughters, Bella and Lisa, and two sons, Izia and Misha.

When the Great Patriotic War began, Nuska, his wife, their two daughters, and Misha evacuated to Tashkent. Their son Izia stayed in Odessa. His cousin Ziana and he joined the underground movement and fascists hanged them as partisans.

After the war Nuska's family returned to Odessa. Their older daughter Bella got a medical degree after the war and worked as a doctor. She married her cousin's brother Grisha. They had two children: Petia and Roman.

Nuska died of infarction in Odessa in 1962. He was buried in the Jewish cemetery. I don't remember when Rukhl died.

Nuska's daughter Lisa was single. She moved to the USA in 1989. She worked as a medical nurse for eight years and then she returned to Odessa due to a health condition. She stayed in Odessa for a few years and then went back to the USA in 1999. She lived on her pension there.