

Naum Poliak's Uncle (maternal) Meyer Gabovich, And His Wife



Meyer Gabovich, my mother's brother, he and his wife moved to America. This picture was taken in New York, USA, in 1932.

Grandfather Kalman owned a mill near the church and was an independent and a well-to-do man. They had 18 children, only 9 of which survived - six daughters and three sons. He gave education to all of them. His daughters married successful businessmen.

After Fania came uncle Meyer Gabovich. When he was 16 he left for America to avoid service in the tzarist army. This was in 1915 or 1916. He got married there. He supported us and helped a lot in 1933 during the famine in Ukraine. Regretfully, he died in a car accident around 1935 in the USA.

All children got Jewish education. Besides, students from Kiev gave them lessons at home. They studied all general subjects: literature, history and mathematics. Although their parents spoke Yiddish at home, the children spoke fluent Russian and Ukrainian. The sons took to business and the daughters married well-to-do Jews successfully.