

Michal Maud Beer Feeding Chickens



This is a photo of me, Michal Maud Beer, née Stecklmacherova. It was taken in a small town called Hlubocky, near Prostějov, in 1933. We were visiting the family of my nanny, whose name was Ida.

On Sundays we'd go take trips out into the countryside with Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Josef and Gusta, and we'd meet friends. Luckily I've got several photographs - from Pteni, Pohodli, Stinava, Strazisko, Belecký Mlýn, Hradisko... We'd pick strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and mushrooms. At the Plumlov Reservoir, I learned to swim. During the winter we had to stay in town, and on Sundays I'd go to Grandma's for lunch. I always liked her food better than at home. After all, she was an excellent housewife and cook! I also felt better there. Grandma was more lenient than my parents, and I had it good at her place.

Once at Grandma's place I got a high fever. I stayed at her place until I got better - how good I felt, how she took care of me and spoiled me - I was glad that I'd fallen ill at my Grandma's. I rarely slept over at Grandma's, but how good it was! The town hall and church bells would sound the hour. Everything's stayed in my memory.