

Laszlo Czitrom's Family



This is a picture of my father and his family: his father, Miksa Czitrom, sitting on the right, his mother, Adel Czitrom, nee Fekete, standing next to him. Ede Czitrom, their youngest boy, is sitting in front of her. My father, Laszlo Czitrom is standing, and Tibor Czitrom the eldest child is sitting on the left. The photo was taken in Budapest in 1909. My paternal grandfather was born in Berettyoujfalu in 1870. He and his brothers and sisters became orphans at an early age. Miksa was in his teens and he was a street-porter at first, I think. However, that wasn't in Berettyoujfalu, they had moved from there, but I don't know when. Later, he worked his way up by himself, and worked in some sort of official post in the capital [Budapest]. He was living in Soroksar when he met my grandmother, Adel Fekete, born in Nagyvazsony in 1875. They were already in Budapest when they got married. They had three sons: Tibor, Laszlo, my father, and Ede. My father was the middle boy, so he was the most disadvantaged because Tibor was the big child, and Ede was the spoiled little one. Tibor was a bank officer, and so was Ede. But both of them Magyarized their names before the war; Tibor to Rethei; I don't remember what Ede's new name was. Ede had a daughter, Agi, she lives in America and has two or three boys there. My father was born in August 1901. He probably graduated from some kind of industrial school. He learnt the mechanic or locksmith trade. Perhaps he didn't even want to study, though he taught himself a lot; I saw lots of books on mechanics and other subjects in his home after the war. He took different jobs: anything from mechanic to locksmith jobs. I know that during the war, he worked in the petroleum factory.