

Miska Czitrom With His Family



This is a picture of my paternal grandfather Miska Czitrom and his siblings. My grandfather is sitting in the armchair on the right. His sister Regina is sitting on the left. In the back from left to right standing are Bela, Sarolta, Jenó and Rezi. The photo was taken in Budapest in the 1900s. My paternal great-grandfather was Benjamin Czitrom. He was religious, and he wore a hat and a beard and had earlocks. By profession he was a kind of farm manager. He lived in Berettyóujfalu. His wife was Lidia Asztalos. They raised six children: Rezi, born in 1869, Regina, born in 1871, Jenó, born in 1877, Bela, born in 1879, Sarolta, born in 1884, and Miksa. Miksa was my grandfather. He was born in Berettyóujfalu 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 Berettyóujfalu, 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 Soroksár when he met my grandmother, Adel Fekete, born in Nagyvácsány in 1875. They were already in Budapest when they got married. They had three sons: Tibor, László, 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. My father got along very well with his Uncle Bela, my grandfather's brother, who was a socialist and had worker's sentiments. Bela was the leader of the Leather Union. He was probably some kind of leather worker. He lived in Zugló with his family.