

Tivadar Foldes



This is a picture of my father, taken in London in April 1939. He went there because he wanted to find out if we could emigrate but in the end we all stayed. My grandmother's father was Moric Klein, who had lots of siblings. One of them was Sandor Kellner who magyarized his name, in fact took another one and became Sir Alexander Korda. He was born in Turkeve. He was one of the outstanding personalities in the international film world; my father went to see him in London in 1939. He had two brothers - Zoltan and Vince - who got into London filmmaking. Zoltan was also a director, Vince was a set designer. Zoltan directed *The Thief of Baghdad*. [It was in fact directed by Ludwig Berger.] It was Sir Alexander that my father went to see in London. I don't know if the Kordas invited him to go but they certainly had some correspondence. I think it was probably my father who wrote to them that he would like to come. They had a close relative living in Kecskemet in Hungary and I think they were in touch with us through this relative. So, my father went to London and I think he was there for three weeks or a month. But then it didn't work out and we stayed here.