

## Victoria Angelova



This is my mother Victoria Angelova, nee Elazar, photographed in Sofia in January 1932. You can learn from the back of the picture that it was given to my father with love. Unfortunately the text was crossed out because of the way their relationship developed. It is obvious though that in 1932 my mother was still close to my father. My mother wanted to have some qualification, attended a typing course and started work as a typist. She met my father at this course. She was the only one

of the sisters in the family that got married to a Bulgarian, my father Jordan Todorov Angelov. The fact that she didn't marry a Jew wasn't a problem for the family. They separated very soon after I was born, at the beginning of the 1930s - I don't know why. I respected my father very much. He was left-wing. He was born in Svishtov and he used to organize the military actions of the resistance movement in Svishtov and that's why he was sentenced to 20 years of penal servitude in the town of Veliko Turnovo. My father had troubles with the authorities all the time, before and during World War II, because of his left-wing convictions and his anti-fascist activities. Inevitably, that influenced his relationship with my mother. In 1932 my father was sentenced to twelve years of penal servitude in the town of Veliko Turnovo. He was released under an amnesty before 9th September 1944. He had a bad record and couldn't find work anywhere. He was requited after 9th September 1944 and he became an active fighter against fascism and capitalism. I kept in touch with my father all the time.