

Faina Khorunzhenko's Grandfather Pinkhus Levinson



My grandfather Pinkhus Levinson. The photo was taken in Kremenchug at the private studio of Noritsky between 1910-1912. I remember my grandfather, my father's father, very well. He was born in 1850, and died at the age of 77, in 1927. My grandfather and my father were very religious.

We kept every Jewish holiday in our house; I especially remember Passover. My grandfather always wore a yarmulka; he also had a beard and small payes. He was religious, but not fanatically. He observed the Sabbath, and on that day he prayed and wore a tallit. He, my father and my mother went to the synagogue. I don't remember how often they did that, but they definitely did. My grandfather was a very good tailor. To the full measure of his abilities he was trying to provide his children with education. My grandfather lived with our family - my mother, my father and me in Novoukrainka. We did not have our own house, so we always rented houses or flats. My grandfather was very religious. He went to the synagogue every day, spoke Yiddish and kept all Jewish traditions.