

Bella Kisselgof 's Mother Sofia Rivkina And Her Miner Neighbors



My mother Sofia Rivkina (seated center) on the porch of the house in Gorlovka where my parents lived. She is shown with her neighbors, who were miners. The photo was taken in Gorlovka in 1929. My parents didn't live for long in Gorlovka. They lived in a huge wooden barracks with many rooms on both sides of a long corridor. Mama worked as a typist in the Department of Mines and my father had a job in logistics. They got along well with their Russian and Ukrainian neighbors.