

Noy Nitsberg



This is my uncle, my mother's elder brother Noy Nitsberg. The picture was taken during his service in the tsarist army.

It is written overleaf : '12 April, 1911. Kovel. A recollection of military services ? during dumps'. My uncle sent this picture to his family. The picture was taken by photographer Epstein in Kovel in 1911.

My mother's family lived in Chernigov. I knew all my mother's brothers and sisters, but two. I know when my mother and her eldest brother were born. The difference in years between brothers and sisters was not big - approximately 2 years. My mother's eldest brother Noy Nitsberg was born in 1879.

Grandfather paid a lot of attention to the secular education of his children. My mother finished a full course at Chernigov lyceum, and I think she wasn't the only one who got educated in the lyceum. All children knew Yiddish, which was their mother tongue, but they also were proficient in Russian and spoke foreign languages. The children didn't get primary Jewish education.

Noy, my mother's eldest brother, was a pharmacist. He had his own pharmacy in Chernigov before the revolution of 1917. Then it was nationalized and he worked as a pharmacist in the state apothecary. He was married and his only daughter moved to Moscow after the revolution. When he grew old and sick, his daughter took him to her place. He died in 1949 in Moscow.