

## Serafima Staroselskaya's Aunt Lyubov Vigdergaus



This is my aunt, mother's sister Lyubov Dernovskaya (Vigdergaus). When mother was a little girl, her elder brothers and sisters began to leave home. They began to move to Leningrad in the 1920s, as a lot of Jews, who lived beyond the 'Jewish pale' before the Revolution. Mother lived in Nevel up to 1930. She finished a Russian school there and was the last to leave among the other

kids. She was 15 years old at that time. Her older sisters already had babies and elder mom's nephews were 10 years younger than herself. Lyuba got married at the age of 19. Her husband's last name was Dernovsky, he also came from Nevel. He was the only person in the family who obtained higher education. He studied at the Technological Institute in Leningrad, at the department of ceramics and refractories. It was such a starvation year - the 1921 and Mikhail attended the Institute, wearing only one galosh (rubber). When he graduated from the Technological Institute he was assigned to work in the town of Borovichi, where aunt Lyuba and uncle Misha always lived. A large refractory combine was being constructed there and uncle held an important position at the combine. In general it was a family known to the whole town. They had five kids born.