

Ernestina Almai With Her Husband



This is my father's sister Ernestina Almai [nee Kovac] with her husband, Ede Almai. I don't know where and when the photo was taken.

Aunt Ernestina married a court clerk, named Ede Almai. He had an exceptionally nice handwriting. When the Jewish Cultural Home [teachers' school today] was being built on Petra Drapsina Street,

he wrote a charter. His calligraphy was put into a coated box, which was built into the foundations, and it's still there today.

Aunt Ernestina, was a big Zionist, just like my father's younger brother Balint. Once my aunt and uncle traveled to Palestine to visit my uncle's son who lived there. In those times it was a big adventure. They traveled by ship because it was impossible to travel any other way. They spoke some French, the other passengers on the ship also knew French, so they understood that my uncle worked for the government.

Ernestina's family lived in Pavla Pap Street. Ernestina and her husband were both deported and killed in Auschwitz. Today their former house is half destroyed. They had a daughter, and I've heard that she died of tuberculosis during World War II. She was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Novi Sad. Up until a few years ago her photo was engraved on her tombstone. I don't know how, but it suddenly disappeared.