

Feiga Abramson



This is my mother Feiga Abramson (nee Dubossarskaya). The picture was taken in the 1910s in a lyceum in the town of Romny, Sumy oblast, Ukraine.

My mother, Feiga Dubossarskaya, the eldest in her family, was born in 1898. She obtained a wonderful education. She finished a Russian lyceum. I don't know what language was spoken in the family of Grandfather Tsal. My mother was proficient in Russian, both oral and written, but she didn't speak very good Yiddish and had an accent. Mother was taught music and played the grand piano. She was good at it. I don't know how my parents met. In 1917 they got married. They didn't have a traditional Jewish wedding. It wasn't the right time: the years of the Revolution, Civil War, hunger and pogroms. In 1918 mother gave birth to my elder brother Abram, and on 13th May 1920 I, Liza Abramson, was born. By that time Lithuania had gained independence from Russia. Many Lithuanian citizens came back to their motherland and in 1921, when I was a year and a half old, our family - my mother, father, brother and I - came back to our motherland in Kaunas, which was the capital of Lithuania at that time. Almost all of my father's family came back there.