

Mikhail Kreslov



This is Mikhail Zusevich Kreslov, my husband Abram's elder brother, in Vitebsk in 1970.

My husband, Abram Zusevich, had a Polish last name, Krislav. I think he had relatives in Poland. He was born in 1915 and was six years older than me. When he was 14, he moved to Leningrad from his native village.

A lot of Jews moved here, because the prohibition to live in big cities was lifted. He came here all alone and began to work at the 'Vulkan' plant. Later he studied at a military school and became an officer. As soon as the war broke out, he went to the frontline.

Almost all his relatives were murdered by the Germans. His father was hanged, because his four sons were at the front and couldn't hide him.

His five sisters and mother were buried alive in Kamen. Two of his brothers perished at the front. Only two people survived of the whole family, my husband and his brother Misha.