

## Inessa Vitkina's Father Andrei Koshkin



My father Andrei Koshkin. Photo made in Grozny in 1939.

My father Andrei Nikanorovich Koshkin was born in 1895 in the village of Ozeriye Novo-Konstantinovsky district Riazan region. My father was Russian, a Christian. I know very little about my father's family. His ancestors were serfs. My father's great grandfather, a serf, was whipped to death. My grandfather Nikanor Koshkin was a carpenter. That's all I know about him. My grandmother Maria married my grandfather when she was 15 and she gave birth to 18 children. Only the oldest and the youngest of them survived. My father was an older son. When he turned 8 years old he became a tinsmith's apprentice and later he became a turner. During the revolution he was a turner at a plant in Petersburg. In February 1917 my father became a member of the Communist Party. During the civil war of 1914 - 1920 he was in the Red army. My father had a

younger sister Lidia. I know no details about her life. I only know that she died in 1934 and my sister received her name after her.