

Julius Bondy And His Wife



This is my maternal grandfather, Julius Bondy, and his wife, Maria Bondyova, nee Buchwaldova in their garden. The photo was taken in Holic in 1930.

My grandfather produced soda water; but it was rather his wife who ran the company. My grandfather died in our family; he was a widower. My grandmother died quite early, I don't remember her death or funeral. So my grandfather lived with us. He had three or four sisters. One of them lived in Budapest; she married a musical composer called Karol Stefanides. He wasn't a Jew and that part of the family probably survived the Holocaust. The other two or three sisters were in Vienna and either them or their daughters were killed in the Holocaust.

My grandmother had two brothers who became Catholic priests and lived on the borderland. The family had no contact with them; they were probably resentful of them, I don't know anything about their later fate.