

Ruzena R. With Her Brother Rudolf And Cousin Lilly Goldbergerova



This is a picture of me, my brother Rudolf and my cousin Lilly Goldbergerova (on the left). The photo was taken in Topolcany in 1934.

We children spent our vacations with my mother's siblings. Once I was in Hlohovec at my uncle's place, and a few times in Dolné Otrokovce at another uncle's. Nowhere else. I was always terribly bored in Dolné Otrokovce, so sometimes they'd also invite my cousin Lilly from Hlohovec. Once they sent the two of us from Dolné Otrokovce to a neighboring village, Merasice, about two kilometers away, for meat from the ice plant. Back then refrigerators weren't common, and when someone bought meat for several days, they'd put it on ice in an ice plant. The Reichenthals had an ice plant in Merasice. On our way back it began to rain. We cried the whole way, until we returned with the meat, soaked to the skin, to Dolné Otrokovce. We were also frightened. Back then I was nine, Lilly eight.