

Roza Altman



This is my grandmother Roza Altman. I don't know where the photo was taken but I'm sure it was somewhere in Budapest and it must have been in the 1930s. She is older here and already a widow. My grandfather died in 1926 and this photo must have been taken after that. I have one souvenir of my grandmother, and that's this photograph. Her face is smiley and round. My maternal grandfather was called Ignac Altman. He was born in Szent Domonkos in 1879. He started as a railroad braker but worked his way up and died as a chief ticket-inspector. I believe he finished four years of middle school but had no further education. But he wanted his eldest daughter to become a doctor. And she did, too. His wife was called Roza Glatter, she was from Gyongyos. They lived in several places in Hungary, as railroad workers they were sent here and there. They were in Dunaszerdahely, then in Zsolna, but most of all in Pest at the MAV [Hungarian State Railroad] colony in Rakospalota. As far as I know they weren't very religious. They wore middle class clothes, observed Yom Kippur and seder, and they lit candles at Chanukkah. They didn't observe much else. My grandmother died in 1936.