

Moisey Marianovskiy's Family



This is my family. It's a copy of the photograph taken in Novy Bug town in 1917 or 1918. Upper row (3) from left to right: My brother Shimon Marianovskiy, on my papa Efroim Marianovskiy's lap, Mama Clara Marianovskaya beside her is papa's sister Shpynia Marianovskaya, my older sister Emilia Marianovskaya, my brother Yakov Marianovskiy is on the right. 2nd row, sitting from left to right: papa's brother Noah Marianovski's wife holding their child (regretfully, I don't know their names), my grandfather Moisey Marianovskiy, my grandmother Bluma Marianovskaya, my sister Revekka Marianovskaya, my uncle Noah Marianovskiy holding his child whose name I don't know. Lower row: sitting on the ground are the children of my uncle Noah Marianovskiy. Regretfully, I don't know their names.

I was named Moisey after my paternal grandfather Moisey Marianovskiy, which was quite common in Jewish families. I was born in Novyy Bug near Kirovograd [Yelisavetgrad before 1924, Kirovograd in 1930-1934, Kirovo in 1932 - 1937, Ukraine, 250 km south of Kiev]. My father's parents, his sisters and brothers and their families lived there and so did my parents after they got married. From what I know, Moisey Marianovskiy was a forester. I know no details, though. My paternal grandmother Bluma Marianovskaya was a housewife. The family was doing well. My grandfather's children were used to working hard. My grandfather and grandmother died before I was born. I have vague memories about my father's brothers and sisters.

My father Efroim Marianovskiy was born in Novvy Bug town approximately in 1878. I don't know what kind of education he got. All I know is that he died on 16 April 1922 from a lung disease. He worked as a clock repair man and that was how he supported the family.

My mother Clara Marianovskaya, nee Budnichenko, was born in Kirovograd in 1880. She only had primary education. She and her sisters studied with a melamed in their childhood. However, my mother was well-read as she was very fond of reading. And was an interesting conversationalist. She was a well-cultured person, though she was just a cleaning lady in her life. Mama and her sisters spoke Yiddish in the family, though we spoke Russian in our family. I do not know any

Yiddish. Mama had no professional education. Like other Jewish women she was supposed to be a housewife, but life happened to be different for her and she had to get a job to support her children. Mama was a wonderful person. Even the fact that she raised all her six children and they became honest and decent people speaks for itself. She taught us to be hardworking and caring. She also taught us to love our country. We were a close family. Mama was a heroic woman providing support to six children. We grew up to become nice people. Mama was very kind. She always wanted to help those who were in trouble. We, her children, loved her dearly and were outstandingly grateful to her for what she did.

My older sister Emilia Marianovskaya was born in 1903. We called her Milia at home. Emilia finished a gymnasium. She married Abram Leichtmann, a Jewish man from Moscow, and adopted his last name. Her husband was fond of revolutionary ideas. My sister had a son named Efroim. My sister was a well-read and intelligent woman.

My brother Yakov Marianovskiy was born in 1906. After finishing a gymnasium Yakov was recruited to the Soviet army. He became a professional military and was transferred to Moscow. He married a Russian woman from Moscow. Unfortunately I don't remember her name. They had a son named Samuel.

My sister Riva, Revekka Marianovskaya, was born in 1910. She and mama lived in Moscow. She never got married. She went to work at the HR department at a plant.

The next was Shimon Marianovskiy, born in 1914. Shimon finished Moscow machine building technical school. He was foreman at the machine building plant in Moscow. He also trained schoolchildren in turner's profession. He was mobilized to the army on the first days of the Great Patriotic War. He perished at the front line near Viazma [about 225 km west of Moscow] at the very start of the war in 1941.