

Sheina Basok, Boris Rubenstein's Grandmother



My grandmother, Sheina Basok, was born in Belorussia, 1864. When I was a boy, Mum's parents, my grandmother and grandfather, lived in Ukraine, in Nikolaev. I think that they arrived there from Lithuania or Belorussia after the revolution. I remember them very well. They were deeply religious people. They were very kind to their friends and adored their children and grandchildren. They had a big family - eleven kids, of which two died in childhood. Grandmother Sheina was short, her head was always covered with a kerchief, but she did not wear a wig. She was old at the time I remember her, basically pottering about in the kitchen. She was a skillful cook. She died in Nikolaev, 1933, when I was about four years old.