

Dora Slobodianskaya's Father Wolf Melman's Family



This is a picture of my father Wolf Melman's family. From left to right, standing are my father and his older brother, Motl Melman. My father's sister Feige Rozhansky and Motl's wife Rekhel Melman are sitting with Motl's twins, Khova and Moishe in their arms. Motl's older children, Khona, Reizl and Srul, are sitting on the floor. The photo was taken in Kalineshty when my father and Feige visited their brother in 1930. My paternal grandparents had three sons and a daughter. Motl was the oldest, he was born in 1897, my father, Wolf, in 1901, Zeilik in 1903 and Feige in 1905. The boys finished cheder. They studied crafts after they finished cheder. Feige was educated at home; her brothers and parents taught her mathematics and how to read and write in Yiddish. Motl got involved in farming. When the sons were old enough they got married. They had traditional Jewish weddings in a synagogue. They started their own businesses. Motl and his family moved to Kalineshty village. Motl and his wife Rekhel had five children: Srul, Khona, Reizl and the twins Khova

and Moishe. They perished when the Germans occupied Kalineshty in 1941. Feige married Yekhil Rozhansky, a shoemaker. They had two daughters. I don't remember the older daughter's name. The younger one, Tube-Rekhl, and I were the same age. Feige, her husband and both daughters were shot by the fascists in Faleshty in 1941.