

Sarra-Rukhl Tsyruunik



This is my maternal grandmother, Sarra-Rukhl Tsyruunik. I have no information about her date of birth or her maiden name. At the time when this picture was taken she was living in the US already. The picture was taken in Philadelphia in the 1920s. My grandfather Fridel Tsyruunik owned a prawn-shop in Skwira before the Revolution of 1917. My grandmother was raising the children. They were believed to be well-to-do for those days. There were 14 children in the family; ten of them survived. I don't know anything about the other four. In the early 1920s two sisters and two brothers went to

America and took with them my grandmother at first, and, later on, also my grandfather. The departure must have been illegal, they might have used somebody else's documents, as they lived under a different name in America. In Skwira my grandfather was called Fridel TsyruInik, and my grandmother Sarra-Rukhl TsyruInik. In America they lived under the name of Segal, and my grandmother's first name was Amy. At that time only single people could leave, and later they closed the border. That's how it happened that six children are here and four children in America. I visited the USA and went to the Jewish cemetery in Philadelphia where my grandparents were buried.