

Sophia Hankina



This is a picture of my husband's mother, Sophia Hankina, nee Yegudina. The photo was taken in the photo studio of H. Freydkin in Snovsk (today Schors) in 1918. My husband's mother was born in 1896. I don't know where she was born. She finished a private Jewish grammar school in Snovsk. Teaching was in Russian. She didn't have any professional education. She was a very nice, kind and

intelligent woman. I lived with her for a year and came to like her a lot. Fasting at Yom Kippur was the only tradition that she observed. She didn't cover her head. She got married in 1923 and her husband told her that a woman had to do the housekeeping. He didn't allow her to go to work even during the war when they were in evacuation in Ufa. She had two children, my husband Aron Hankin and his older brother Faiba, who used the Russian name [common name] Fedia - for pronunciation reasons, he explained. They returned to Kiev after evacuation in 1943. She died in Kiev in 1973.