

Dina Kitt And Solomon Stumer's Wedding Photograph



This is my parents' wedding photograph. Sitting third from left to right: the 3rd on the right is my mother Dina Stumer (Kitt in her second marriage) and my father Solomon Stumer is on her right. My father's sister Bertha Goldman is sitting beside my father. My father's brother Zemakh Stumer is the 2nd on the left in the 2nd row. Bertha's husband Efraim Goldman is the 3rd on the left. The 4th on the left is my mother's brother. The rest of them must be my parents' acquaintances. I don't know them. This photo was taken in Tallinn in 1935. My grandfather died, when my mother was still a child. My grandmother, who had to take care of her two children, decided to leave Põlsamaa for Tallinn to be closer to her sisters. In Tallinn she rented an apartment from a building owner. My mother had to go to work, when she was still very young. She had to earn her living. Mama had no vocational training. She was employed as a worker at the socks and stockings shop, Punane Kojt haberdashery factory. My father became a shoe leather supplier. He cut out shoe top leather delivering it to shoe makers. My father lived with my grandmother and his brother Zemakh. The families of my parents happened to rent an apartment in the same apartment building. My parents just met on the staircase in their building. My father told his family that he would only marry Dina Zitron, if he were to get married at all. So it happened. My parents got married in October 1935. They had a traditional Jewish wedding. After the wedding they rented a large two-room apartment with a spacious kitchen in the same apartment building.