

Minna Birman's Paternal Grandmother, ? Birman



This is my paternal grandmother, Birman. This photo was taken in Paris in 1950s. This photo my father brought from Paris in 1965.

I don't remember my paternal grandmother's name or date of birth. All I know is that she was a housewife and took care of the household and the children. After my grandfather died my grandmother lived with her daughter's family in Lodz. When her daughter died in 1936 my grandmother, her two granddaughters and her son-in-law moved to my grandmother's sons in Paris

in 1926. During WWII, when Germans occupied Paris and announced registration of all Jews my grandmother refused to go and didn't allow her granddaughters to follow this order. Her son-in-law and one of her granddaughters went to this registration, though. They never returned home and were never seen again. My grandmother and her granddaughter Malka found shelter in their neighbor's apartment during German raids. Their neighbor was an immigrant from Italy. My grandmother corresponded with my father till the end of her life. I remember my father saying once that my grandmother had sent us an invitation to a world exhibition in Paris. She died in the late 1950s.