

# Helena Schwartz



This is a photo of my mother, Helena Schwartz, from the 1920s.

My mother's native tongue was probably German. But I don't know that for sure. My mother studied to be a sales clerk and merchant in Bratislava. Before my parents got together at a St. Nicholas Day party, they had already been colleagues from work, at the Kurtz Company. My mother worked in a store, and my father worked as a traveling salesman. In 1934, as a result of the Depression [4], one store after another was going under. The Kurtz Company ended up the same way. My father then opened his own clothing store on Venturska Street. He sold notions, buttons and accessories for tailors. Later he sold underwear as well. He and my mother worked in the store together.