

The Antal Family



This is my father's family. From left to right: my uncle Jeno Antal, my grandmother Ella Antal, nee Kohn, my grandfather Jozsef Antal and my father Pal Antal. The photo was taken somewhere in Hungary in the 1920s. My paternal grandfather was a kind of trader. I'm sure he didn't have a shop here. He may have been an employee at some kind of company. Grandmother Ella Kohn was from Szekesfehervar. I think she might have met my grandfather there. My grandmother was a housewife. Two children were born: my father and his younger brother, and she raised them. I think he was two or three years younger than my father. He went to America in 1938. He was a violinist and he played in the Rock Quartet, which is said to have been a renowned quartet. He got married back when he was still at home, to Katalin Bant, daughter of Bant, who owned the bread factory, and they never had children. They wanted to bring us to the US. It was discussed back in 1941-42, but the Americans didn't want to let us in. Jeno Antal lived and worked up until the age of 80-82, then he died in America. Once he visited us here. My father Pal Antal was born in Budapest in 1898. First he was an internal specialist, and when they began to dismiss or displace Jewish doctors he learnt pathology, and he was a pathologist until he died.