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Our family in Latvia and Russia (Belorussia) begins with Simon **Sanders**/Zalman **Sandler** and Marie Sanders.

They lived at the shores of the Lake Peipus in Belorussia.

They had three daughters:

Hana/Haina/Sonya/Sophie born 1862 in Ostrov

Miriam/Manya born 1876 in St Petersburg

Lisa.

Sonya/Sophie was married to Jessey/Isey/Geisha **Gober** born in Krohnstadt in the isle of Kotlin, son of petty bourgeois Itzka Gober.

Jessey is described as petty bourgeois, tanner and book-keeper.

The family Gober lived in Riga and had five children:

- Simon/Senja born in 1885.

It was always said he was the cousin of my grandmother Nina until I some years ago got information from the Latvian Historical Archives that he was her brother.

What happened to him is not known to me.

- Ida Tamara/Tachen born 1887
- Nina (my grandmother) born in 1889
- Shulamith/Alexandra born in 1891
- little Ludmila born in 1894. She died in 1895 at the age of 1 of brain inflammation.

The family left for Berlin at the end of the 19th century.

Aunt Manya /Miriam married Max /Moisey **Schoenfeld(Schunfeld)** born in Mitau/Jelgava in 1861, son of Levin/Leib Schoenfeld born in 1832 and Rosalie/Rasche-Feige née **Feiertag** born in 1836.

The paternal grandfather of Max/Moisey was Ruben Schoenfeld.

Max had at least five siblings:

- Samuel
- Leopold/Lecin born in 1871 in Mitau/Jelgava.
- Hanna
- Male
- Masche.

Max graduated a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Dorpat in 1893.

Later on he bought a piece of land and owned and was the director of the mental hospital of "Atgasen" at Vienibas gatve 47 (former Jelgavas road 47).

The family lore tells he was shot by a patient. He died in 1912 in Riga.

Both Max and his brother Leopold/Levin Schoenfeld are mentioned in the book "Die Aertze Livlands" 1905 by Dr. Med. I Brennsohn.

Max and Manya Schoenfeld had four children:

- Elsa/Elza born in 1897. Elsa married a Norwegian engineer Einar Andres **Lie** of Ev Lutheran religion.
- Lev/Leo born in 1900. He died in Dorpat in 1918.
- Alexander born in 1901. He became a psychiatrist
- Eva/Jeva born in 1903 married to Samuel/Schmuel **Goldberg**, son of Benjamin. Samuel/Schmuel was born in 1899 in Rujiena.

Eva and Samuel were deported to Siberia by the Soviets in 1941. Samuel died in 1942.

The third sister Lisa (my great grandaunt) married an **Otzup**.

She had two children:
Sergej and Alexander.

Sergeij left for Spain. I think it was to escape the duty at the Czars army.
He had a son Peter.

In Spain there is(or was) a famous "Russian" architect Pedro Otzup. I think he might be our relative Peter Otzup, then Peter could easily be Pedro in Spanish.

Alexander married Katja.
They had two daughters:

- Valentina
- Marak6n.

The name Otzup is interesting in another context, then the famous Canadian dancer and dancing teacher Ludmilla **Chiriaeff** born in Riga, was born **Otzup Gorny**. She might be a relative to the family too.

The sisters of my grandmother Ida Tamara or aunt Tachen and Alexandra or Schula lived in Berlin till 1938 – 39.

Ida Tamara was a masseuse and Alexandra/Shulamith was a dancing teacher.
They fled to Latvia thinking they would escape the Nazis.

Ida Tamara married a Dr. Benjamin **Thal**, He was a doctor in the ghetto in Riga. He is mentioned by Max Kaufmann in his book Churbn Lettland: The Destruction of the Jews of Lettland, published in Munich, Germany in July 1947.

Dr. Thal was probably killed in November – December 1941.

Alexandra/Shulamith had married an Earl **Kurakin** in Berlin. He was killed the first day after their marriage. So when she left for Riga she married her cousin Alexander Schoenfeld, the psychiatrist.

Alexander was shot at Dьnaburg, Daugavpils, Latgale, Latvia due to the testimony by Dr. Viktor Goldberg, Stuttgart, Germany in 1977 at the Pages of Testimony of Yad Vashem in Israel.

Ida Tamara and Alexandra/Shulamith were both sent to the ghetto on October 2 of 1941.

What happened to them we do not know.

It was told in my family that they were gazed to death, but I can well think they were killed directly in the surroundings of Riga.

This is in short the history of our family in Latvia.











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