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About Presma family

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The family lists of Jews belonging to Rezekne, set up in 1898 and subsequently supplemented, the records of the 1st All Russian census for 1897 of Varaklani as well as the birth, marriage and death records of the Jewish community in Varaklani for the time period from 1868 till 1905 (unfortunately vital record have survived not for all years) contain the following information about the family Itzik Presma from Varaklani:

Itzik Presma, son of Hirsch was born in ca 1820 (aged 76 in the family lists, we suppose that the age is stated for 1896). He belonged to the Jewish community of Rezekne. There is a note in the family lists that he died (the date of death is not stated). We suppose that this Itzik might be father of Scheine-Feiga Zherdin née Presma.

Itzik Presma had at least one brother **Awsey Presma, son of Hirsch**, born in ca 1818 (aged 78 in ca 1896), there is a note in the family lists that he died. His wife **Blume** (maiden name is not stated) was born in ca 1821 (aged 75 in the family list).

Itzik had at least two sons Berka and Salman-Noson:

1. **Berka Presma**, born in ca 1844 (aged 52 in the family list). His wife **Jechewed (Hewka), daughter of Michel** (maiden name is not stated) born in ca 1844 (aged 52 in ca 1896).

They children:

1.1. son **Mowscha**, born in ca 1860 (aged 37 in 1897). (His wife is not registered in the family list).

His children:

- 1.1.1. son **Leiba**, born on October 30 of 1883 in Ludza,
- 1.1.2. son **Michel**, born on June 1 of 1886 in Ludza,
- 1.1.3. son **Isaak**, born on January 1 of 1889 in Ludza.

Unfortunately we did not manage to find any other information about them. The census of Ludza for 1897 do not contain information about the family of Mowscha.

- 1.2. daughter **Feiga**, born in ca 1861 (aged 35 in the family list),
- 1.3. daughter **Zipe**, born on February 29 of 1868 in Varaklani,
- 1.4. daughter **Dobka**, born in ca 1870, died on October 20 of 1871 in Varaklani, aged 1,
- 1.5. son **Michel**, born on June 3 of 1871 in Varaklani (he was not registered in the family list),
- 1.6. son **Benzion**, born on January 21 of 1874 in Varaklani, died on December 30 of 1874 in Varaklani,
- 1.7. daughter **Haja-Buna (Haika-Buna)**, born on March 11 of 1876 in Varaklani (aged 20 in the family list),
- 1.8. daughter **Gene (Hene)**, born in ca 1879, died on April 3 of 1880 in Varaklani,
- 1.9. son **Haim-Gerschen**, born on June 16 of 1881 in Varaklani, died on August 15 of 1882 in Varaklani, buried at the Jewish cemetery in Varaklani,
- 1.10. son **Abram-Haim**, born on November 22 of 1884 in Ludza.

2. **Salman-Noson Presma, son of Itzik** was born in ca 1850 in Varaklani (aged 47 in the census for 1897, aged 50 in 1899). At least after 1890 Salman-Noson was transferred from the membership of the Jewish community of Rezekne to the membership of the Jewish community in Varaklani. His occupation – a tailor.

His wife **Haja-Enta (Jenta), daughter of Wulf** (maiden name is not stated) was born in ca 1855 in Varaklani (aged 42 in the census for 1897).

They had children:

- 2.1. son **Ruvín-Jankel-Getzel (Jacob)**, born on March 15 of 1874 in Varaklani (in the birth records he was written down as Jacob, in the census for 1897 as Ruvín-Jankel-Getzel, aged 21). His occupation – a shoemaker.
- 2.2. son **Tewel-Hirsch**, born on July 19 of 1876 in Varaklani (he was not registered in the census for 1897, possibly died in childhood),
- 2.3. son **Benjamin (Bine)**, born on September 24 of 1878 in Varaklani, died on December 10 of 1879 in Varaklani,

- 2.4. daughter **Tauba-Mera**, born in ca 1881 in Varaklani (aged 15 in the census for 1897) (the birth records for 1879-1881 have not survived, in the birth records for 1882 her birth was not registered),
- 2.5. daughter **Zivja-Esther**, born on December 5 of 1884 in Varaklani (aged 12 in the census for 1897),
- 2.6. daughter **Hana-Feiga**, born on September 1 of 1887 in Varaklani (she was not registered in the census for 1897, possibly died in childhood),
- 2.7. son **Itzik**, born in ca 1888, died on July 19 of 1889 in Varaklani, aged 1, cause of death – scarlatina,
- 2.8. son **Abram-Itzik**, born on December 18 of 1890 in Varaklani (he was not registered in the census for 1897, possibly died in childhood),
- 2.9. son **Haim-Benze**, born in ca 1894 in Varaklani (aged 2 in the census for 1897).

According to the census for 1897 **Salman-Noson**, his wife and children: **Ruvn-Jankel-Getzel**, **Tauba-Mera**, **Zivja-Esther** and **Haim-Benze**) lived in Varaklani at Shkolnaya (School) Street, in the house of Nochim Dimant, apt. 2 (see document copy).

The census for 1935 of Varaklani contain the following information:

Benzion Presma, son of Noson was born on November 27 of 1894 in Varaklani.

In 1913 **Benzion Prezma** was called up to Russian Army, he served in 47th Ukraine Infantry regiment. On April 27 of 1915 he was wounded in the left leg during the battle in the Carpathians (Austrian front) and was captured. In 1918 he returned to Varaklani. Benzion's occupation – a shoemaker (upper-maker). His wife **Doba-Riva** (maiden name is not stated) was born in 1897 in Varaklani.

They had children born in Varaklani: daughter **Jenta**, born on September 16 of 1924, son **Moisey**, born on January 15 of 1927, son **Tewel**, born on September 29 of 1929 and daughter **Selda**, born on August 3 of 1933.

They lived in Varaklani at Skolas Street 3, apt. 1.

In 1934 Benzion Presma asked for pensions as a disabled soldier of WWI (in his request he informed that his relatives living in America helped him).

We suppose that Haim-Benze (Nr. 2.9) and Benzion was one and the same person.

According to the database of Yad Vashem **Benzion**, his wife **Doba-Riva**, **Selda**, **Tewel** and **Moisey (Mosche)** were killed in 1941 during Nazi occupation in Varaklani, invormation was submitted by granddaughter Doba.

According to the census for 1935 **Getzel Presma**, born in 1876 in Varaklani (his occupation – a kosher butcher, shokhet), and his wife **Pesa** (maiden name is not stated), born in 1876 in Glazmanka (now Gostini), lived in Gostini at Lika Street 1, apt. 1. Possibly Ruvin-Jankel-Getzel (Nr. 2.1) and this Getzel was one and the same person. Unfortunately we did not manage to find any other information about them.

REFERENCE: fonds 2706, inventory 1, file 183, page 446,
fonds 5426, inventory 1, file 140,
fonds 5024, inventory 1, file 252,
inventory 2, files 1176, 1168, 1184, 1187,
fonds 1308, inventory 9, files 10331, 10327,
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