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Grandmother Clara Abramson,



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On her
father's side
Harriet's
family came
from Grodno

Grodna, is a city in [Belarus](#). It is located on the [Neman River](#) , close to the borders of [Poland](#) and [Lithuania](#) (about 20 km and 30 km away respectively). It has 325,164 inhabitants (2008 estimate). It is the capital of [Hrodna voblast](#) (province) and Hrodna raion (district).

Harriet's father's grandfather Aaron Zagermeister was a watchmaker. His wife's name was Basha. Her father's father Jacob, married to Niesel, came to America when his son's Isadore and Sam were young. He came to St. Paul where his brother Saul was an electrician and where there was a large

"Singer family." When Niesel died, Jacob remarried and his sons moved out. Isadore never went to high school. He was 18 when he moved out and he lived with his brother until Sam married Rose Applebaum. Her parents were in the food business and later ran the food concession for the Target chain.

. We don't know when Isadore met Muriel Abramson and we don't know details about their courtship or early married life. We are told that they were fixed up, that Isadore was older and shorter and that Muriel was heavy.

Muriel's mother, Clara was American born. Her husband Harry worked for the railroads. He died before Harriet was born and she is named after him. Clara owned twin apartment buildings as well as the store where Isadore opened his first business. Muriel had three brothers and they often got together to discuss and buy stock. Uncle Maynard was in the auto business. Norman was in the furniture business. They both died at age 57. Marvin owned a flower shop and was an exercise fanatic taking frequent walks with Harriet. He died in his 80s.

Isadore worked in the Paint and wall paper business. He entered the military during World War 2. After the War Isadore had a small grocery store and later worked for

Applebaums. Shortly after Harriet married Ted (in 1963) Muriel and Isadore divorced. When Harriet, their only child, moved to St. Louis Isadore was lonely, gave up his union pension, and moved to St. Louis too.

