

**Aider Asanov**, interviewed 26 August, 2006, in Bakhchisarai, Crimea  
Summary by Joseph Bradley, January 14, 2019

Asanov was born in 1928. He comes from a long line of Tatar jewelers in Bakhchisarai, Crimea. His father was Abdul-Meyin. His paternal grandfather was named Shaban, and his paternal great grandfather was named Bagysh. His mother was named Tenzile. His maternal grandfather was Shaban and maternal grandmother was Azize. Other relatives lived in Simferopol.

Asanov lived on Asma Street, now called Krasnoflotskaia Street (Red Navy Street). He has two sons and one daughter.

He discusses habits and customs of Crimean Tatars. He recalls there were many mosques, some of which have been restored. He describes the bazaar, weddings, Fridays, the Muslim holiday, his school, his love of music, the famine of 1931-32, the collectivization of agriculture, the terror of 1938, and the deportation [of Crimean Tatars] in 1944 to Uzbekistan. His brother died. [Not clear when.]

Besides Tatars, Asanov also lived among Krymchaks, Karaites, and Jews. He is aware that the Karaites spoke a Turkic language but their religion was not Muslim but rather similar to Judaism. (The wife of his uncle was a Karaite.)

He remembers that the chief physician of Bakhchisarai was a Jew named Goldenberg, who had a Tatar wife and spoke Tatar [a Turkic language] and lived on Militia Street. [See also Fatma Dzhaliyeva's interview.] The Tatars liked Goldenberg and managed to save him from being shot by the Germans at the beginning of the war. However, when the Germans retreated, Goldenberg was killed. Goldenberg's two daughters survived and are still living. The Tatars also helped save Krymchaks from the Germans.

A niece of his uncle was suspected of being a partisan and was shot by the Germans.

Asanov claims that he heard nothing bad about Jews but that everybody knew that they were cunning. He mentions that there were Bokhara Jews in Uzbekistan, where he lived for 35 years [after deportation in 1944], first in Gulistan, later in Tashkent.

The transcript ends abruptly.