



My surname Balbachan is also registered in some places and documents as Bolbachan, Bolbochan, Balbatzan, Balbarchan, Balbatchan, Bolpechan, etc.

My greatgrandfather was **Mosche Balbachan**. He was born on 1839 in Beltsy or Beltz, Bessarabia (Balti, nowadays Moldova). I don't know if he had brothers or sisters and neither I don't know his parent's names. He'd got married on 1865 to **Kaile (or Kela) Malce (or Malca) Roitman (or Rotman or Roitberg)** (born on 1845). They had six children (all boys) (I'm quite sure that this couple have had four children more but these other children perhaps had died in Europe):

Children:

- **Haim Balbachan** (born on 1867). Married on 1887 to **Esther Ruilberk (or Roiberg)** (born on 1867). They had two children: **Yitschak (or Itche Vevl) Balbachan** (born on 1891), and **Rasha (or Reise or Rozia) Balbachan** (born on 1893)
- **Baruch (or Borac) Balbachan** (born on 1869). Married on 1893 to **Mariam (or Miriam) Goldman** (born on 1872).
- **Meilach (or Meloj) Balbachan** (born on 1875)
- **Leizer (or Lazar or Loser) Balbachan** (born at Beltsy on 1877) **HE WAS MY GRANDFATHER**
- **Selmann (or Zalman or Zelman) Balbachan** (born at Kishinev on 1880)
- **Leib (or Leiba) Balbachan** (born on 1883)

These twelve persons were gathered by the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) altogether with other emigrants in Soroki (Sorooca) (This group was named Soroki II) and transported to Odessa where they've got embarked on October 5th 1894 on the steamship "Bosforo" (List XXIII from the JCA) along with other three groups of emigrants (Kiley, Novibug and Mohilna, totalizing 224 souls), with destination to Genoa. In Genoa they had to transfer to another ship from the same Company (Navigazione Generale Italiana): the steamship "Manilla". My greatgrandfather Moshe died during this travel (I don't know if it was while they were crossing the Mediterranean Sea or the Atlantic Ocean and neither I don't know if his body was thrown into the sea – as it was usual in that time – or on the contrary, if he was buried in any intermediate port these ships reached. I would be glad to obtain the binnacles of "Bosforo" and "Manilla" but I know it would be quite impossible). Finally they arrived to Buenos Aires (Argentina) on November 27th, 1894.

Thank you,
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