

# LEVANOV VALENTIN MAKSIMOVICH

My great-grandfather's name was Levanov Valentin Maksimovich. He was born on June 27, 1929 in the village of Shipovo. When he was 12 years old the Great Patriotic War began. Because of the war all schools were closed and my great-grandfather finished only 4 classes. He began to work on a farm together with adults. My great-grandfather grew wheat which was used to cook bread for the soldiers. On the farm my great-grandfather found a friend. His name was Nicola, he was 17 In September 1943, Nicola was called to the front and my great-grandfather wanted to join him. My great-grandfather applied, but they couldn't accept him because he was too young. However, soon letter of approval arrived and my great-grandfather joined the tank troops. He was short and it was good for a tank. He fought in Stalingrad. Nikolka died, but my great-grandfather returned home . After the war he met my great-grandmother and they got married. This is all what I know about my hero.

