

**ARBUS** (ARBUZ) Moritz (1839-), paramedic, photographer, owner of a photography workshop. Born on 25th July 1839 w Grabów, district of Ostrzeszów.

He was a paramedic (*felczer*) by education. For a certain period, he lived in Konin. In 1865, together with his family, he moved to Częstochowa. (At that time, he gave his profession as “photographer.”) He ran the photography shop together with → Leopold Kohn. In the 1870s and 1880s, he owned a photography shop in Turek (together with Kajman, then later on his own). From 1893, he ran a photography shop at II Aleja 22 (in the Bergman building) in Częstochowa (under the name “M. Arbus & Sons”). He opened branch stores in several cities within the Kingdom of Poland: in Sosnowice (Sosnowiec), Łódź, Pabianice, Zduńska Wola, Będzin, Zawiercie and Noworadomsk (Radomsko).

One of his sons, from 1893, was a co-owner (with Alojzy Wiedeman?) and, later, the owner of the “Makart” photography store. In 1909, the firm of M. Arbus & Sons took part in the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition in Częstochowa, where they presented portraits, group photographs, landscapes, etc. The enterprise employed between five and ten staff. Presumably, after 1912, the firm operated in Kielce (run by Felicja Arbus, who signed photographs with “M. Arbus & Sons”).

His wife was from Częstochowa, Mirla nee Wollenberg, the sister of → Beniamin. They had three children: a son Hajman (1863-), who presumably ran the stores in Kole and Kutno, a daughter Helena (1864-) and a son Mieczysław (1881-), a photographer.

Zembik, *Fotografia częstochowska*, pp. 95, 96, 124. – “Tydzień” (Piotrków) 1893, No. 23, p. 3.  
- *Przewodnik po Wystawie Przemysłu i Rolnictwa 1909*, p. 129; *Rocznik adresowy 1901*, p. 547.  
- APCz, Records of the city of Częstochowa 8882, group No. 1, k. 2332. – A study (concerning M. Arbus’ photography store) by Anna Urgacz from Sosnowiec in the ODDC collection.

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