

**BLUMENFELD** Gustaw (1890-1940), doctor, reserve officer. He was born on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1890 in Częstochowa, the son of Chil (1857-1918), a merchant, and Gustawa Gitla née Mendelsohn, previously Kohn (26<sup>th</sup> October 1854 Częstochowa-), brother of → Adolf, Dawid (1886-) and Perla (1888-), married to → Gustaw Weinberg.

Circa 1909, he graduated from the government Boys' Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. He then graduated in medicine at the University of Graz (Austria), receiving his medical degree on 15 December 1923, a degree recognised by the University of Warsaw. In 1917-18, he served in the Austrian Army. From January 1921 to August 1922, with the rank of Second Lieutenant in the health service, he served in the Polish Army. He then worked at the District Hospital in Kielce, (as a doctor) in the guard battalion in Częstochowa, then in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. After transferring to the reserve, he was assigned to the reserve staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Hospital.

To the end of the 1920s, he practised as a doctor in Częstochowa (he lived at ul. Kościuszki 34). He later moved to Irena (in the Puławy District). There, he worked as a doctor in the local Health Fund (a branch of the Health Fund in Lublin).

He was mobilised into the Polish Army in 1939. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, he was taken prisoner by the Soviets and held in the NKVD camp in Starobielsk. He was murdered in Charków, and was buried there. Following an exhumation, he was buried in a fraternal grave (from 2000, the Polish War Cemetery in Charków).

*Charków. Księga cmentarna*, p. 33; Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, vol. III, p. 17 (erroneous information here, that he was shot by the Germans in 1943). - Wyględowski, *Chirurgia i chirurdzy Częstochowy*, p. 204. - *Rocznik lekarski 1933/34*, col. 178; *Rocznik oficerski rezerw 1934*, p. 732; *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 17 (doctors). – genealogical material (regarding the Blumenfeld family) in the ODDC collection.

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