

**BRYL** (BRILL, BRÜLL, BRÜHL) Adolf Abraham (1873-1921), accountant, merchant, political and social activist. He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1873 in Częstochowa, the son of Natan and Chawa Szajndla née Praskiewicz, brother of Izaak (20<sup>th</sup> April 1878 Częstochowa – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1942 Częstochowa), merchant, SDKPiL activist, arrested by the Russians in 1908 suspected of belonging to the PPS; brother of Ruchla (19<sup>th</sup> December 1886 Częstochowa-) married to → Stanisław Salomon Prusicki.

He worked in a Markusfeld factory, in Częstochowa, as an accountant. He had leftist views and belonged to the SDKPiL. In 1905, he was one of the co-founders and leading activists in the traders' union. In February 1907, as a candidate of the Progressive Union, he stood in the elections to the Second State Duma (without success).

He was involved in social activities. In 1906, he co-founded the *Tow. Szerzenia Wiedzy* [Society for the Spreading of Knowledge] in Częstochowa. (In 1907, he joined the board). In 1908, he co-founded the "Machzikei Hadas" ["Supporters of the Law"] Association, as well as a school for poor children (Talmud-Torah).

He supported the Volunteer Fire Brigade (e.g., in 1910, he donated funds for great games, the proceeds of which were to be donated to the Brigade). He gave lectures (including, in 1916, he delivered a lecture entitled "On Independence" at a meeting organised by the Association of Commercial and Industrial Workers in Częstochowa). According to Dr. Stanisław Nowak, "He was a very good orator. He could argue seriously, always speaking in a calm and dispassionate tone [...], he was a declared internationalist [...], a very good polemicist".

He died on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1921 in Częstochowa, in his home at II Aleja 41, and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

Presumably, he never started a family.

Nowak, *Z moich wspomnień II*, pp. 73, 83, 127, 134. - Sobalski, *Związki zawodowe, stowarzyszenia*, p. 136. – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1907, No. 32, p. 3, No. 33, p. 2, 1910, No. 81, p. 2, 1916, No. 296, p. 3, 1921, No. 171, p. 1 (obituary). - AP Łódź, Zarząd Żandarmerii Powiatu Częstochowskiego i Noworadomskiego 106, sheets 1, 12 (regarding his brother); USC Częstochowa, (Abram Bryl's) death certificate No. 133/1921, (Izaak Bryl's) death certificate 1215/1946.

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