

CYMBLER Bernard Berek (1856-1938), entrepreneur, city councillor, social activist. He was born in Poręba near Zawiercie, the son of Lewek and Gitla née Bachman.

He worked in a post office in Sosnowice (Sosnowiec). In Częstochowa, he was co-owner (with Hugo Czokke) of an electric lamp factory at ul. 7 Kamienic 11 (where the Cymbler family lived), as well as the owner of several properties, among them being a brick house with outbuildings and a woodshed at ul. Warszawska 177. (In 1890, he added a floor to the front of the property.)

He owned a quarry near Jasna Góra, in the area where St. Jadwiga's church stands today and at the intersection of ul. Św. Kinga and ul. Kordecka. He offered limestone for the building and paving of streets. From 1891 to 1914, he leased premises to the Russian army, among them for an infirmary on ul. 7 Kamienic. He was a co-founder of the Częstochowa Loan Society. He belonged to the "Dobroczytność" Society to Aid Jews. On 1st August 1914, he was co-opted to the Częstochowa Civic Committee. In 1914 and 1915, he was a Częstochowa city councillor. He died in 1938 in Sosnowiec.

In 1875, in a wedding in Częstochowa, he married Anna Chana Marianna née Windheim (circa 1857-1917 Częstochowa), the daughter of Majer and Laja née Granek. They had three daughters - Franciszka (19th January 1882 Będzin-), who married Altman, a photographer from Sosnowiec, and lived there; Rozalia (23rd July 1877 Będzin-) and Salomea (23 VII 1877 Będzin-). Their son Henryk (19th January 1882 Będzin-) was a clerk, living at ul. 7 Kamienic 11. According to Krystyna Badora (later Kolińska), "He was a great lover of books. He owned a large collection of Polish classics. During the occupation, [the Cymbler family] had to move into the ghetto. He came, with his family, to say goodbye to his friends and to hand his books over into their care. With tears in his eyes, he said, 'I don't know if we will come back for them.' They didn't come back." Cymbler descendants live in France and in the USA.

Częstochowa. Dzieje miasta I klasztoru jasnogórskiego, vol. II, Częstochowa 2005, p. 114 (the wrong first name is used here - Edward); T. Haładyj, *Portrety ulic. Kordeckiego*, "Gazeta w Częstochowie" 2006 (supplement to "Gazeta Wyborcza" dated 7th Feb.); K. Kolińska, *Z fotografiami w ręku – wspomnienia osobiste*, "Almanach Częstochowy" 2005, p. 107 (regarding his son); Madej, *Rosyjski garnizon wojskowy*, pp. 349, 354. – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1916, No. 167, p. 3, 1917, No. 176, p. 3 (regarding his wife), 1919, No. 190, p. 3. - *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczytności dla Żydów 1913*, p. 5; *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 236. - APCz, unit No. 1 (City Council meeting minutes 5th August 1914 – 25th May 1915), ref. 4853, unit No. 1, ref. 8818, No. 71 (1881 conscripts register, regarding his son); unit No. 58, marriage records No. 24/1875, No. 69/1904. - AP Łódź, Construction Department,

ref. 1356. - APCz, 1902 Częstochowa city map (see Legenda: No. 13, information about B. Cymbler's company) - Materials (information from Jeffrey Cymbler from New York and extracts from record books) in the ODDC collection.

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