

DAWIDOWICZ Feliks Fajwel Szraga (1874-1943), mechanical engineer, co-owner of a technical office. He was born on 7th December 1874 in Częstochowa, the son of Szaj (Szyi) Dawid, who was a member of the “*Chevra Tehilim*” brotherhood, and Dorota née Szancer.

He graduated from the state Boys’ Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, studied at the University of Berlin and, later, at the Dresden University of Technology. Following graduation, he worked as a mechanical engineer in the diesel engine department of a machine factory Augsburg, as well as in factories in Munich and Dresden. After returning to Częstochowa, he worked as a movement engineer at the Coloured Paper & Wallpaper Factory. From circa 1907, he ran a technical office II Aleja 31 (where he lived), later at ul. Dojazdowa (Piłsudskiego) 16.

He represented German companies, among them from Hamburg and Chemnitz. In 1909, he displayed machines at the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition in Częstochowa. Prior to 1918, he also represented Henryk Lanza’s locomotive factory as well as the “Ursus” Motor Factory. In the mid-1920s. he owned an electrical installation plant (II Aleja 31). He also sold threshers, electric motors, “Locomobiles”, machinery for sawmills mills and brickworks. In 1928, he became a co-owner (together with → Dawid Szwarz) of the “Union” Technical Office (at ul. Śląska 40). This office dealt with the installation of technical and electro-technical equipment. In 1931, he sold his shares in the company to Władysław Szymański. At the end of the 1930s, he was active in the buying and selling of machinery. From 1907, Dawidowicz belonged to the *Tow. Szerzenia Wiedzy* [[Society for the Spreading of Knowledge]. He perished in 1943 w Częstochowa.

His wife was Emilia Mindla Szancer (1880 Będzin - 1943? Częstochowa?), the daughter of Izrael and Perla née Wasserberg, who was active in the parents’ committee of the J. Słowacki Girls Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. They had five children - sons Władysław (1907 Częstochowa-) and Józef (1910 Częstochowa-), who both graduated from the H. Sienkiewicz 1st State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, Aleksander (1914 Częstochowa - 1930 Częstochowa), a student at the H. Sienkiewicz 1st State Gimnazjum, later at the R. Traugutt 2nd State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, Edward (1923 Częstochowa-), and a daughter Rozalia (1911 Częstochowa-) who, in 1930, matriculated from the J. Słowacki State Girls’ Gimnazjum in Częstochowa.

Czenstochower Jidn, p. LXXXIII (regarding his father); Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 53 (regarding son Aleksander); *Sienkiewiczacy*, p. 232. - Gąsiorowski, *Historia elektroenergetyki*, p. 198; Gąsiorowski, *Oddział częstochowski Stowarzyszenia Elektryków Polskich*, pp. 220, 221; Kociołek, Zaleska, *Gimnazjum i Liceum im. J. Słowackiego*, p. 122 (regarding his daughter) –

“Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 225, p. 5, 1929, No. 27, p. 2, 1930, No. 31, p. 3; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1909, No. 201, p. 4, 1923, No. 287, p. 10, 1931, No. 49, p. 18; “Kurier Codzienny” 1927, No. 85, p. 6. - *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 230; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 46; *Wystawa Przemysłu i Rolnictwa 1909*, p. 87. - APCz, Unit No. 1, ref. 8900, p. 386, ref. 8849, No. 228 (regarding son Józef); JW 1366624. – Minutes book of Tow. Szerzenia Wiedzy, k. 27 (in the collection of Krzysztof Dziuba from Częstochowa).

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