

**HANTOWER** Maria Zofia Elena (1879–1921), teacher, communal and independence activist. She was born in Warsaw into an assimilated Jewish family, the daughter of Hipolit Hantower (1849?–1900) and Helena (1850–1920).

In 1907, she served as head of the girls' Polish Progimnazjum at the I Polish Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, at ul. Teatralna 16 (Kościuszki). In 1906, she joined the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge (TSzW) and was a member of the TSzW's library section.

In 1906-07, as a supporter of the PPS, she worked in the technical section of the PPS's Combat Organisation. Later, from November 1906, she worked with the PPS's Revolutionary Faction. Her apartment was used as an underground meeting place. Following the exposure, in 1908, of OB PPS-FR instructor Edmund Tarantowicz, and fearing that she would be arrested by the Russians, she left for Kraków.

In World War I, she served as a nurse. In 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviki, she worked as a volunteer in the Polish Red Cross.

She died on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1921 (on a train between Poraj and Częstochowa). She was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Częstochowa.

She did not start a family.

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**Juliusz Sętowski**