

KOHN (KON) Wilhelm Wolf (1835–1912), printer and lithographic artist, printing-house owner. He was born on 12th December 1835 in Wieluń, the son on Lewek, a merchant, and Gitla née Jankiel.

From childhood, he showed a talent for drawing. After graduating from a Piarist school, he was sent abroad by the Wieluń district head, Fryderyk Goleński, who recognised his talent. There, he was to improve his drawing and lithographic art techniques. Upon his return to Poland, he continued his studies in Warsaw.

In 1860, he opened a lithographic workshop in Wieluń and also, in 1863, a printing-house. Circa 1869, he moved to Częstochowa, where he bought printing machines from the Jasna Góra printing-house, which had been closed by the Russian authorities.

After merging with the Oderfeld bookbindery, on ul. Teatralna (Wolności), the Kon & Oderfeld Brothers Printing-House, Lithography Plant and Coloured Paper Factory was established. (It was the largest printing company in Częstochowa). In the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition, held in Częstochowa in 1909, the Kon and Oderfeld printing-house was awarded a gold medal (for overall artistic and lithographic activity and the production of coloured paper).

Kohn lived at II Aleja 41. He died on 8th February 1912 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 1029 II).

Kohn married twice. His first wife was Rozalia Róża née Litauer (circa 1842 - 16th August 1872 Częstochowa). They had a son, → Jakub. Following Rozalia's death, he probably married her sister, Salomea née Litauer (circa 1850 – 3rd July 1936). They had two sons Henryk (22nd September 1874-) and Ludwik (2nd February 1880–), as well as daughters, one of whom was Władysława (23^{rg} December 1889–).

T. Olejnik, *Leksykon miasta Wielunia*, Wieluń 1998, pp. 41, 97, 121; Sętowski, *Cmentarz Kule*, p. 143 (biography of son Jakub). – Szatkowski, *Monografia przemysłu*, pp. 19, 20. – “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1909, No. 29, p. 2; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1912, No. 39, p. 2 (mention), p. 3 (obituary). – APCz, MagCz 3619. – Materials (including a copy of the tombstone inscription and copy of wife's death certificate) from the ODDC collections.

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