

LANDAU Seweryn Szaja (1866–1926), industrialist. He was born 30th August 1866 in Częstochowa, the son of Józef and Helena née Wajnberg.

From 1894, he was the owner of the “Wulkan” Iron and Enamelling Foundry. From 1899, he was the owner of the Parowa Celluloid Products Factory, established in 1888, on the Nowy Rynek (pl. Daszyńskiego). It later moved to ul. Cerkiewna (Kilińskiego). After the factory fire which took place in 1905 (in which four women died and where Landau was held responsible for the tragedy), he moved the factory to ul. Jasna (Waszyngtona), on the corner of Centralna (Śląska). The factory produced combs, soap dishes, balls, toys and other items. During the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition, held in Częstochowa in 1900, the company was awarded a bronze medal for its products.

He was co-owner of a tenement (built in 1912) at I Aleja 11. He lived at II Aleja 37.

He died on 18th March 1926 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish cemetery.

He was married to Rachela née Wajs (28th December 1880 Kamińsk-), the daughter of Abram and Laja née Bosak.. They had a son, Eugeniusz (13th March 1903 Częstochowa – 25th June 1942 Wawand [?] in the Soviet Union), who was a co-owner of the celluloid products factory. In 1934, he was elected to the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Sosnowiec.

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