

LERNER Mieczysław Markus (1897-1943?), doctor. He was born on 26th October 1897 in Częstochowa, the son of Emanuel Mendel and Anna Chana née Krajtler, the grandson of Markus who, in 1868-1875, leased real estate, in Częstochowa, to the Russian army.

In 1907-1914, Lerner attended the government Boys Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. In 1916, he matriculated at the School Care Society's Boys Gimnazjum. From 1916, he studied medicine at the University of Warsaw, gaining his degree on 23rd July 1925.

He specialised in children's illnesses. In 1925, he began working as a volunteer at the Anna Maria Hospital in Łódź. From September 1928 until January 1930, he worked as a paediatrician in Berlin and Vienna. Upon returning to Poland, he continued to work in the hospital in Łódź, while also running a private medical practice. (He lived at ul. Zachodnia 64).

In August 1939, he was mobilised into the Polish Army, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. He took part in the war against the Germans, was taken prisoner and held in a POW camp. He was released in 1940.

In Warsaw, he lived at ul. Leszno 18. Initially, he was without work. Later, he found employment in Lecznica with the Society for the Protection of the Health of the Jewish Population (TOZ) at ul. Gęsia 43. He belonged to the Paediatrics Society in Łódź. He was the author of two articles in "Polish Paediatrics". Most likely, he perished in 1943 in Majdanek.

He was married to Karolina Sojka (1903-), the daughter of → Abram Sojka. They had a son, Piotr, a student at the University of Warsaw.

Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, vol. IV, pp. 268–269; *Sienkiewiczacy*, p. 229. – Madej, *Rosyjski garnizon wojskowy*, pp. 321, 322, 323, 234 (re: grandfather). – *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 127; *Verzeichnis*, p. 51.

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