

**MARKUSFELD** Adolf Abram (1826–1897), merchant, industrialist, social activist. He was the brother of Henryk (Chaim), merchant, Kraków city Councillor, patriotic and independence activist, in 1877-1890 head of the Israelite Religious Community.

Until at least 1852, Markusfeld lived in Stradom, a suburb of Kraków. Later, following his marriage to a woman from Częstochowa, he moved to that city.

At the end of the 1870s, together with Karol Ginsberg and Leopold Kohn, he was the owner of the American Mill and Paper Factory. The plant produced decorative, colour paper. In 1879, the plant employed 22 workers and foremen.

From 1868, Markusfeld donated an amount of 6.15 rubles to the Jewish Boys Elementary School. He erected a building which, in 1897, his descendants donated to be used for a “Talmud Torah” religious school.

He lived in a tenement at II Aleja 27, which belonged to his father-in-law.

He died on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1897 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish cemetery.

Markusfeld was married twice. His first wife was Szejndla née Lisk (circa 1830 - 1849 Kraków). His second wife, whom he married in 1853 in Częstochowa, was Ernestyna Estera née Kohn, the daughter of → Berek Kohn and Ewa née Frenkel. The couple had two sons - → Henryk and → Józef.

PSB, vol. XX (B. Łopuszański), p. 55 (info from brother Henryk’s biography). – Rędziński, *Szkolnictwo żydowskie*, p. 25; Sętowski, *Markusfeldowie. Wizerunek rodu częstochowskich przemysłowców*, p. 226. – *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, p. 94; “Ziemia Częstochowska” 1961, vol. IV, p. 129. – APCz, unit No. 58, marriage record No. 1/1853, death record No. 40/1897.

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