

ODERFELD Dawid Hipolit (1869-1940), sworn attorney, banking house owner. He was born on 2nd January 1869 in Częstochowa, the son of → Adolf Abram (1834–1917) and Dorota Dyna née Słomnicka (1844-1931). His brothers were → Henryk and → Stanisław.

At the end of the 19th century, he ran the Banking House in Częstochowa (at I Alei 3). According to the “Gazeta Sądowa Warszawska” [“the Warsaw Court Newspaper”], dated 9th June 1906,

“As an assistant to the sworn attorney, he received certification for the right to conduct cases in the Warsaw District Court”.

From that year, he worked as a sworn attorney in Częstochowa. In 1907, he was invited to participate in the Fifth Commission in the elections to the State Duma. From December 1916, he worked as a defence lawyer in the Polish Magistrates Courts established in Częstochowa.

In February 1917, together with → Jan Glikson and → Samuel Weintraub, he was enrolled onto the list of attorneys at the Imperial-German District Court in Częstochowa. From that year, he ran a legal practice at II Aleja 29, later at II Aleja 24 and, from 1937, at ul. Dąbrowskiego 1.

Together with his son-in-law → Adam Wolberg, he owned a building at the corner of ul. Dąbrowskiego and III Aleja 46. During the occupation, the German command of the city was located there – on 18th May 1945, it was deliberately sent on fire after the arrival of the Soviet army. Its burnt skeleton remained there for many years and was demolished circa 1960.

In 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviks, he donated 600 Polish marks to the Committee to Aid the Polish Soldier (a committee operating through the Jewish *gmina*). He also gave 200 Polish marks towards the defence of the nation. In May 1921, he belonged to the committee commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Napoleon I.

He died on 21st October 1940 in Częstochowa, in the tenement at aleja Wolności 13, and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

His marriage with Gustawa Gutka née Śpiewak (13th September 1877–) from Tomaszów Mazowiecki, lasted until 1923. They had a daughter, Małgorzata Debora (1899-1969), who married → Adam Ajzyk Wolberg.

Pawlikowski, *Kalendarium*, p. 18. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1913*, p. 303 (re: brother Stanisław); *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 26, 194; *Księga adresowa Polski 1930*, p. 190; *Polska. Księga adresowa dla przemysłu, handlu i rolnictwa*, p. 280; *Przewodnik gospodarczy województw: kieleckiego, krakowskiego i śląskiego 1939*; *Rocznik polskiego przemysłu i handlu 1938*, item 13297 (re: Henryk and Stanisława Oderfeld). – “*Dziennik Częstochowski*” 1906, No. 146, p. 4; “*Gazeta Sądowa Warszawska*”, 1906, No. 23 (9th June); “*Goniec Częstochowski*” 1907, No. 6, p. 2, 1917, No. 10, p. 1, No. 29, p. 3, 1920, No. 185, p. 3, 1928, No. 264, p. 3; – “*Palestra*” 1937, No. 4, p. 390; “*Wiadomości Częstochowskie*” 1906, No. 85, p. 2; – USC Częstochowa, civil records 1940, death record No. 454 (Dawid Oderfeld’s), 1923, death record No. 220, k. 55 (Dorota Oderfeld’s). – Materials (including an address book and family information) in the ODDC collections.

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