

**SZWENTNER** Władysław (1871-1919), technological engineer, department head at the “Częstochowa” Steelworks, social activist.

In 1897, he graduated from the Institute of Technology in St. Petersburg. He worked as an assistant to the chief engineer of the steelworks in Ostrowiec. From 1905, he was assistant to the manager of the rolling mill at the “Częstochowa” Steelworks and, from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1907 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 1908, he was the manager of that mill.

He was an independence and social activist in Częstochowa. He belonged to the Polish Socialist Party (PPS). Representing the party, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1905 (in the “freedom days”), he was a member of a committee formed from left-wing groups in Częstochowa.

From 1906, he was one of the leading activists in the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge. He gave lectures and financially supported the Society’s library and reading room. He was also a board member of the Częstochowa branch of the Warsaw Society of Hygiene. He was interested in geology and, in that field, he delivered a series of lectures in Częstochowa and in Raków.

In March 1908, he left for Mariupol in Ukraine, where he worked in the Nikopol steelworks. In 1919, he was murdered there.

He established a family.

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**Juliusz Sętowski**