

WASSERTAL (WASSERTHAL) Ignacy Izaak Aron (1840-1910), doctor. He was born in Kraków, the son of Dawid. (He held citizenship of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.)

In 1872, Wassertal graduated in medicine at the University of Vienna. He obtained his doctorate in medicine in 1875.

He became connected to Częstochowa circa 1880. He lived at I Aleja 14. He worked as the factory physician at the "Warta" Jute Spinning and Weaving Plant, as well as running a private practice.

According to Dr. Stanisław Nowak,

"He stood out among Jewish doctors [...]. He was, without question, a good diagnostician and a first-class therapist. Being a wealthy man, without any major family obligations, he owned a tenement in central [Częstochowa]. He preferred to live in someone else's house, near the Jewish district, to be closer to his patients. He did so out of fear that his patients would transfer to other doctors living in the same district [...]. He did not take part in any communal activity."

He converted to Evangelicalism.

He died on 21st December 1910 in Berlin, where he was undergoing treatment. According to an obituary of that time, he was buried there.

In 1873, in Częstochowa, he married Chana Anna née Najman (Neuman). They had a son, Jakub (1st November 1874 Częstochowa – 1st July 1943 Warsaw). Jakub's death was confirmed, in 1948 in Warsaw, by Jadwiga Dorota Rosental-Kononowicz.

Sobalski, *Przemysł częstochowski*, p. 290. – Nowak, *Z moich wspomnień II*, pp. 15, 16. – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1908, No. 232, p. 3, 1910, No. 178, p. 3 (obituary). – „Archiwum Historii Medycyny” 1984, vol. 47, No. 3 (F. Sobalski), p. 379. – Materials from the ODDC collections.

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