

WOLBERG Paweł (1834–1906), merchant, industrialist, social activist. He was born on 20th March 1834 in Częstochowa, the son of Herszlik and Lida née Fajans.

Wolberg was a merchant and, later, an industrialist. From 1872, he and his brother Herman produced horn rings and owned a factory making oval frames. As the co-owner of the tenement at 1 Aleja 12, he organised the “Apollo” garden, where meetings, concerts and theatrical performances were held.

He was active in the Volunteer Fire Brigade in Częstochowa. On 17th December 1876, together with the city’s “most eminent citizens” (together with Teodor Łagodziński, → Karol Ginsberg, Antoni Sieciński, Teofil Zapałkiewicz and Emanuel Goldman), he was invited to advise on “how to maintain the city’s Fire Brigade”. In 1878-1880, he served on the Fire Brigade’s board.

From the 1870s (together with a dozen or so members of the Jewish community), he financially supported the Agricultural Settlements and Craft Shelters Association, which organised correctional facilities for juvenile offenders and took care of them after their release).

He died on 11th January 1906 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery. The headstone on his grave was unveiled on 27th August 1907.

His wife was Fryderyka née Kempner (Kalisz 1844 - Częstochowa 1894). The couple had a son → Aleksander Adam.

Nekrologi “Gońca Częstochowskiego” 1906–1925, p. 19; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 254. – Z. Jakubowski, *Częstochowskie opowieści*, Częstochowa 1993, p. 40; Kon, *Monografia Staży Ogniowej*, p. 6, 9. – “Goniec Częstochowski” 1907, No. 231, p. 3; Tydzień” (Piotrków) 1873, No. 5, p. 2. – *Rocznik Tow. Osad Rolnych 1880; 60. sprawozdanie Straży Ogniowej*, pp. 3, 4. – Materials (re: the Wolberg family) in the ODDC collections.

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