

Mojiesz Horowitzon On Holiday



This is a picture of my father, Mojiesz-Maurycy Horowitz, taken during his trip to France in the 1920s. I don't know any details about this trip, the only thing I know is that this picture was taken near Avignon. My father was a lawyer by profession. He graduated from Jagiellonian University and all his life, since he settled there after marrying my mother on 24th December 1904, he was an attorney-at-law in Wieliczka. He ran a private practice. He also had other interests besides law, namely he loved gardening. He took care of that, people were hired for weeding. There was also a caretaker, an ex-miner who lived in a cottage belonging to the garden. My dad was an elected vice-mayor of Wieliczka. The mayor was a political nominee, and the vice-mayor was elected by the town council, which was also elected. My father was active on the town council for many years. He was in charge of the public utilities: sidewalks, sewage system, waterworks, power system, and so on. Wieliczka had those things before Cracow did. My father occupied various important posts in the town. Also among the Jews. For instance, he ran the health fund for many years. Before the war, each town had its health fund and together they formed a kind of cooperative. There were two health funds in Wieliczka, one for the salt miners, the other for all the other public and private factories running a health insurance plan. In the latter one there was a board, and my father served as the president of that board for fifteen years.