

## Breeders from Kutno



**WITUSZYŃSKI Bolesław** (1912-1991) - gardener and rose grower, owner of fruit and ornamental trees, as well as rose nurseries in Kutno.

He was born on April 27, 1912 in Leśniki near Szymanowice Duży in the Otwock district (eastern Mazovia) in a farming, multi-children family. His parents are Kazimierz and Cecylia née Kowalska. After completing primary school, he attended the People's Secondary Agricultural School in Pszczelin (Brwinów). The first job after graduating from school was working in renowned nurseries of ornamental and fruit plants of Jan Kozitarski and Jan Cichocki in Góra Kalwaria. Then he perfected his profession in one of the best horticulture and nursery companies, i.e. the Hoser Brothers company, which exists to this day under the name Żbikowskie Nurseries in Żbikowo near Pruszków. In 1937, he was employed as a gardener in the Hertz family's farm estate in Koserz near Krośniewice, in the Kutno county. He was first a gardener there, then an administrator of nurseries, and in 1938 he founded his own nursery. After the war, he was the head of the Horticulture Farm in Błonie near Krośniewice, which included the Koserz estate. In the 1950s he came to Kutno.

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**EIZYK Aron** (1895-1979) - gardener, owner of the first rose nursery in Kutno.

Aron Eizyk was born on December 18, 1895 in Dobrzyń situated by the river Drwęca (currently Golub Dobrzyń in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship) in the Jewish

family of Hersz and Liba nee Krutek.

His father, grandfather and great-grandfather farmed the fields in Dobrzyń, they were gardeners. In 1912, when his brother Kastriel (Karol) graduated from an agricultural school in Hanover, their parents bought 10 hectares of land in Adamowice near Kutno. This year is the year of the foundation of the rose nursery. Aron, after graduating from a four-class trade school, served in the military in 1920-1923 and ran the farm with his brother in Adamowice. The nursery was one of the first in Poland specializing in the production of ground roses. It developed very quickly and in the interwar period it was one of the few leading and reputable rose nurseries in Poland. It employed over 100 people, students of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW) and young Jews, who later established their own rose nurseries in Palestine. Aron dealt with internal economy, horticulture and production, Karol, traveling around the world, won contractors and concluded contracts. It was not entirely in line with their education, as if they had swapped roles, but looking at Aron's whole life, we know that it was the land, nature, he had the greatest love for. "He was devoted to the earth," says his nephew Icchak in Agnieszka Arnold's film "Róże Arona".

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