The Bernoulli family of mathematicians

Only the line of descent is drawn, so wives and most children outside mathematics do not appear. The painter Nicolaus is shown because he is the father of Nicolaus I. The hostile lines mark the two rivalries that shaped the family, between the brothers Jacob and Johann and between Johann and his son Daniel.



Nicolaus Bernoulli [1]
Spice merchant, Basel
1623?–†1708?
Basel

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Jacob Bernoulli [2]
Professor of mathematics, Basel
1687–1705
1655–†1705



Nicolaus Bernoulli [3]
Painter, Basel
1662–†1716



Johann Bernoulli [4]
Professor of mathematics, Basel
1705–1748
1667–†1748

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Nicolaus I Bernoulli [5]
Professor of law, Basel
1731–1759
1687?–†1759



Nicolaus II Bernoulli [6]
Professor of mathematics, St P…
1725–1726
1695–†1726?

brothers went to



Daniel Bernoulli [7]
Professor of physics, Basel
1750–1776
1700–†1782



Johann II Bernoulli [8]
Professor of mathematics, Basel
1748–1790
1710?–†1790?



Johann III Bernoulli [9]
Royal astronomer, Berlin
1767–
1744–†1807



Jacob II Bernoulli [10]
Academician, St Petersburg
1787–1789
1759?–†1789?

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- Index person
- Portrait
- † Died
- ? A date in doubt

HOUSES
- Bernoulli

COUPLES & CHILDREN
- Biological child

EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS
- Close
- Hostile

HOUSE
- Bernoulli

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