

Our Story Continues . . . The Klitz Family in Westphalia

CHAPTER 5

JOHANN JACOBUS KLITZ and (1) ANNA GERTRUD BRUENICK and (2) ANNA GERTRUD SAELMANN

1710 - ca.1760; ????-????; ????-????

Johann Jacobus Klitz is the earliest known Klitz ancestor. According to the Metelen town census of 1749, Jacob was born in 1709. It is assumed that he was born in Metelen, as all other records concerning him are from the town.

Jacob married Anna Getrud Bruenick on 26 January 1732. Their daughter, Anna Maria Adelheid, was born in Metelen on 16 February 1733. Adelheid moved/was sent to the nearby town of Schöppingen at a young age to work.

Jacob next married Anna Gertrud Saelmann on 26 June 1736 in Metelen. Together they had at least three children – Maria Anna Elizabeth was born on 25 July 1740; Christophorus Bernardus was born on 18 July 1743; and Mauritz was born on 21 September 1748. It is possible that Jacob and Gertud had additional children, but nothing has been confirmed to date.

Elizabeth appears in the 1750 Schoppingen census at the age of 10 years. She was a maid servant for the Göcke family. She married Bernard Herman König in 1763. The König family owned (and still owns) the farm adjacent to the Göcke farm. She was most likely the impetus for her brother, Christopher, to move to Schöppingen.

Jacob possibly had a third wife, Johanna Wilhemina Gostia. No further information about marriage dates/children/etc. have been discovered.