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DESCOFFRES, Mlle

fl. Toulouse 1786–88

Pupil of Sabère and Suau; no doubt the daughter of Raymond Descoffrès (1726–1795), trésorier de France, who in 1778 acquired a house at 50 rue des Coutellers; he was married to Anne-Henriette-Catherine Calmettes (1742–1815). The pastellist was probably their daughter Jeanne-Raymonde-Sophie (Toulouse 1768–Saint-Clar-de-Rivière 6.xi.1854), who married Louis-Albert Le Roy de Laglaizière in Toulouse on 7.II.1795; she signed the register “Sophie Descoffres”; a sister, baptised Jeanne-Marie-Henriette (born 25.VIII.1764), was probably the Jeanne-Bernarde Henriette who died 30.XI.1778, too early to be the pastellist. A notice in the *Journal de Toulouse*, 9.V.1843, indicated that Sophie, by then a widow but still living in Toulouse, had sold an estate in Cugnaux, with château and land, for the sum of Fr65,000 to the marquise de Cambon.

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