

I have periodically researched and collected information on the Stone, Ruleman, Eckard, and Zorn families for decades. I descend from the first three families. Given that both of your questions/requests came within two days of each other, it must be time to write up something that summarizes what I have. This is not a comprehensive review of all their records, but seems a fuller account than what is out there at present.

Henry Stone was bapt. 6 March 1727 at Sien-Hackenbach, a son of Joh. Sebastian and Anna Catharina (Arnoldt) Stein. They were from Hoppstadten. Henry came to America in 1748 on the ship *Edinburgh*, with his parents and brothers Peter, Abraham, Johannes, Jacob, and Wilhelm, and sister Elisabetha Margaretha. These are documented in Annette Burgert's amazing series, *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America, Vol. II: The Western Palatinate*, p.313. Henry married Juliana Andre on 4 Feb. 1750 at "Atolhoe" [Altahala Church], Berks Co., PA. While Juliana Andre sponsored several baptisms in the area, as early 1745, I have not found any precursor family for her, though I have not made a focused and exhaustive search for them. Marrying in Feb. 1750, Henry and Juliana had twin sons, John and Christian, born 3 Dec. 1750, with sponsors Christian Meyer and wife [Catharina {?Braun?}]. Henry and Juliana had Johan Sebastian on 28 March 1752, with his grandparents Stein as his sponsors. The last child they appear to have had was Anna Maria, born 12 March 1754, with sponsors Joh. Jacob Sr. and Maria Appolonia Vollmar. It was this family that Henry Stone brought to Augusta Co., VA, where the first known record of him is in April 1760 when he brought Frederick Opp/Upp, schoolmaster, to the South Fork on the promise of providing 34 children as students (Augusta County Court Judgments, cited by Chalkley, Vol. 1, p.449).

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| 1. John | b.1750 | d.1790-1810 | no apparent heirs |
| 2. Christian | b.1750 | d.1822 | m. Mary Smith, 1792, Pendleton Co. |
| 3. Sebastian | b.1752 | d.1803, KY | m. Catherine Hoover, ca.1788-9. |
| 4. Anna Maria | b.1754 | d. aft.1812, IL | m. George Stout, by 1785. |

Of these spouses/in-law, Mary Smith was the daughter of Henry Smith Sr. and his unknown wife. Her siblings John and Catherine, married siblings Catherine and Leonard Simmons, children of George Simmons Sr. Catherine Hoover was a daughter of Sebastian Sr. and Catharina (Muller) Hoover.

Henry's wife Juliana died by 1763. Henry remarried the Maria Catherina (-----) Zorn, the widow of Jacob Zorn. This is proven via Augusta Co., VA Order Bk. 8, p.396 [March 1764]. Henry Stone was a significant pillar in the South Fork community, often inventorying neighbors' estates, being a proccessioner, being a juror, being a church commissioner, and posting bonds for

others. Henry Stone died in Pendleton County in the Summer-Fall 1810. Quit-claim deeds to his various properties show only children Christian, Sebastian, and Mary Stout survived or left heirs. This has been vexing for me, as I descend—illegitimately—from Peter Stone Sr. [ca.1760-1830+], who left many descendants. In his legislative petition for a divorce in 1821, Peter reported that he married Mary Smith in 1789 of Fauquier [pronounced fah-KYEER] Co., VA. With Henry Stone: 1) having had a brother named Peter; 2) Pendleton Peter Stone's proximity to Henry Stone's family in Pendleton; 3) Henry Stone having sold land in 1791 to Peter as he was starting his family; and 4) Peter's marriage to another Smith, it seemed a *certainty* that Peter had to have been a son of Henry. However, the quit-claim deeds make it abundantly clear that Peter was in no way an *heir* of Henry (PCDBk. 5, p.397). The first known record of Peter that I have found in the Pendleton area was when he was taxed on personal property in Augusta County in 1785. This makes it all the stranger that he married a woman from Fauquier County in northern VA around 1789. At this point I have been forced to conclude that Peter must somehow have been a nephew of Henry. There is some precedent for guessing this. Henry Stone's sister Elizabeth Margaret married Dietrich Firnssler in PA in 1760. The Firnsslers eventually moved to Shenandoah Co., VA ca.1795. Their son Henry Fansler [an obvious namesake of his uncle Henry Stone] married in PA in 1789. He lived briefly in Pendleton County, when he was taxed from 1790-2. Henry Fansler soon moved westward to what is now Tucker Co., WV, then Randolph County, where he is the patriarch of all the Fanslers I grew up with in Tucker County.

Ruleman/Eckard. Johann Jacob Ruhlmann was bapt. 5 Feb. 1696 at Langensoultzbach, France to Hans Christmann and Susanna Catharina Ruhlmann. This is documented in Annette Burgert's *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America*, p.415-6. Since its publication in 1995, I have researched the microfilmed records of Langensoultzbach, having other relatives from there as well. Johann Jacob Ruhlmann married Anna Appolonia Herkel on 16 Feb. 1719 there. Together they had:

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| 1. Johann Jacob | bp. 3 March 1720 | d.1732 | |
| 2. Hans Georg | bp. 7 Nov. 1721 | d.1814, PA | m. Maria Catharina ----, ca.1746. |
| 3. Maria Catharina | bp. 16 Dec. 1723 | d.1772+ | m. Caspar Eckard, 11-29-1743, PA. |
| 4. Maria Magdalena | bp. 11 Nov. 1725 | d. after 1741 | |
| 5. Johann Peter | b. 22 Dec. 1728 | d. ?bef.1733. | |
| 6. Johannes | bp. 24 June 1731 | d. ?bef.1733 | |

Jacob and Appolonia arrived at Philadelphia in 1733 on the ship *Hope*; listed with them were children Hans Jan, age 9, and Maria, age 7. This must have been son Hans Georg, age 12, and daughter Maria Magdalena, age 7. However, we know from subsequent PA records that Maria Catharina also came with them. In PA, Jacob and Appolonia at Muddy Creek in Lancaster

County had twins Johan Jacob and Maria Appolonia born 15 May and baptized 20 July 1735. The sponsors for Joh. Jacob were Joh. Jacob Dambach and wife, and for Appolonia they were Joh. Wingertsmann and Maria Elisabetha Wentzelin. Jacob [Sr] and Appolonia had another son, Christian, born ca. 1737, and likely named after his paternal grandfather. *The Henckel Genealogy* reported that his name was Christian *Weiston* Ruleman and born in Delaware. I have never found any evidence to support either claim. I have not made a thorough search for Johann Jacob Ruhlmann Sr.'s death/estate proceedings in PA. Today's Pendleton County Rulemans descend from Christian Ruleman. He appears to have been married twice. According to *The Henckel Genealogy*, his first wife was reportedly Elizabeth Hinkle, dau. of Joh. Justus Sr. and Magdalana (Eschmann) Henkle. Together, they had 1) Catherine (m. George Dice); 2) Justus (Elizabeth Dice, Ruth Standford); and 3) Christian Jr. (Mary Elizabeth Fleisher). Christian Sr.'s first wife died, and he remarried to Magdalena ----. Christian and Magdalena had 4) Susannah; 5) Christina (John Bowers); 6) Anna Magdalena "Mollie" (Jacob Hoover of Geo. Sr., to OH); 7) Sarah (Jacob Simmons of Geo. Sr.); 8) Margaret (Joseph Simmons Sr. of John Sr.); and 9) Mary (single). By odd coincidence, I have Ruhlman neighbors up the road from me, descendants of immigrant George Ruleman, son of Jacob and Appolonia, who remained in PA.

Maria Catharina Ruhlmann married Johan Caspar Eckhardt on 29 Nov. 1743 at Muddy Creek Church, Cacoosing, PA. One month prior [and the preceding marriage in Rev. Casper Stoever's records], Barbara Eckhardt married Casper Meissner on 31 Oct. 1743, at Moden Creek. It is very likely that Barbara and Casper were closely related. "Casper Massner and wife" were the baptismal sponsors in 1747 for Joh. Casper Eckard [Jr.]. My gut sense is that Caspar was likely older, that this was a second marriage for him, and he may have been the father of Barbara. After much research 20 years ago, I was unable to collect enough data to confirm or refute this theory. The first known record of Casper was when he sponsored the 1738 baptism for a son of Michael Bentz/Pence at Muddy Creek Church in Lancaster County. Joh. Casper Eckard received a warrant for 50 acres in Cumru Twp, Lancaster [now Berks] Co., PA on 5-31-1744. In PA, a warrant was the written order authorizing the right to have the property surveyed; once that was done, a person could apply for the patent. Casper and Maria Catharina (Ruhlmann) Eckard appear to have had 5 children, of whom the first two children were also baptized at Muddy Creek Church at New Holland, PA:

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| 1. Eva Maria | bp. 25 April 1745 | d.1792, Pendleton | m. --- Lutz. |
| 2. Joh. Casper | bp. 19 March 1747 | d.1779, in Rev. War | |
| 3. Philip | b.ca.1749 | d.1820, Pendleton | m. 1) Barbara ----; 2) Sophia Catherine (Rexroad) Fleisher, March 1799, div. 1803. |
| 4. Abraham | b.ca.1751 | d.12 Oct. 1812, Pend. | m. never. |
| 5. Anna Maria | b.ca.1753 | d. aft. 1801 | m. Johan Michael Harhold Sr., 9 March 1773, PA. |

Back when I was working heavily on the Eckards, a researcher sent me copies of Berks Co., PA deeds in which Casper [Sr.] and Catherine Eckard sold land warranted to them in 1768 in Cumru

Twp. to sons Abraham and Philip in Aug. 1772. Philip sold his share to Abraham in Nov. 1774, and Abraham and Philip sold some land in May 1780 [no book and page citation given for these deeds]. Given this 1772 deed, Maria Catherina (Ruhlmann) Eckard cannot have been the wife of Jacob Zorn in the 1750's and '60's. Maria Catherina (Ruhlmann) Eckard's brothers Jacob Jr. and Christian Ruleman are first documented in the Pendleton area Augusta County records in 1758 and 1764, respectively. Jacob Ruleman bought 200 acres of patent land from Green, Wood, and Russell in May 1763 [ACDBk. 11, p.448]; this land was where the Sugar Grove Naval Base was. On the same day, Jacob Ruleman and Catherine Zorn together bought another 200 acres, immediately south/upstream from Jacob's property; this land included the mouth of Little Fork, emptying into the South Fork [ACDBk. 11, p.440]. Boston [Sebastian] Hoover [Sr.] also bought the same day another 200 acre plot, again, immediately south/upstream from the Ruleman and Zorn property [ACDBk. 11, p.465]. The locations of these tracts are identified in Bill Rice's *Colonial Records of the Upper Potomac, Vol. 4: Surveys and Land Claims Before 1757*, p.147. Jacob Jr.'s wife was named Margaret, and they had only one known child, Henry Ruleman, b.ca.1770. Jacob Jr. died in 1772, and I don't know what became of his widow Margaret. Their son Henry moved on to TN in 1791-2, with his cousin Justus Ruleman [son of Christian Sr.]. It seems likely that Joh. Casper Eckard Jr. came to the Pendleton area in the early 1770's to live with his uncles Jacob and Christian Ruleman. In Aug. 1774, Casper "Eager" bought 95 acres from Henry and Catherine Pickle [ACDBk. 20, p.380]. This land was on both sides of the South Fork of the Potomac and included the mouth of Panther Run, south of today's Sugar Grove (*Colonial Records of the Upper Potomac, Vol. 4: Surveys and Land Claims Before 1757*, p.151). In 1778 when Casper Jr. went to fight in the Rev. War, he wrote a will in Augusta County leaving his property to his brother Philip. It seems likely that Philip came to the Pendleton area in late 1778, after Casper Jr.'s death, to claim his land. Philip was accused of treasonous behavior in March 1779 in Rockingham County; he was bound by the Court to be of good behavior for a year, and his securities were Henry Stone and Christian Ruleman. When they sold the land in PA in May 1780, Abraham was still of Cumru Twp., Berks County, while Philip was of Augusta Co., VA; by July, Abraham had joined him, when he had a survey for 150 acres on the South Fork. Abraham was last taxed in Cumru Twp. in 1780. Casper Sr. and Maria Catharina (Ruhlmann) Eckard's youngest child, Anna Maria, married Johann Michael Harholt in 1773 in PA. She was Harholt's second wife. His first wife was Margaretha Barbara ----, and she was the mother of John and Michael Jr. Johan Michael Sr. and Anna Maria (Eckard) Harholt also moved to the Pendleton area, and were the parents of Christian, b.1774; Andrew, b.1778; Christina, 1775-80; and Catherine, b.ca.1780.

Zorn. As is fairly well known, Jacob Zorn arrived at Philadelphia on the ship *Friendship* in Sept. 1738, aged 20 years old. What is less well known are the many interconnections of the people on that ship. Also on the ship were Valentine Bentz/Pence, Johan Wendel Braun, Abraham Eker, Bernhard Eger, Jacob Fulmer [Vollmar] Sr. and Jr., Christian Myer, Tobias Dittes, Michael and

son Christian Mesnor. There have been reports that Johan Wendel Braun's wife was a Zorn; he also lived in Hampshire County for a while. Valentine Pence was a well-known settler near Harrisonburg, VA. Christian Meyer and Tobias Dittes had several baptismal sponsorships for Stein/Stone children; as I noted previously, Christian Meyer's wife may have been a Braun. Christian Meissner married Anna Barbara Eckhardt, the entry before Joh. Caspar Eckhardt's marriage to Maria Catharina Ruhlmann. Jacob Vollmar Sr. sponsored the baptism of Henry Stone's daughter. Given their entwined interactions in America, and arriving on the same ship, I have little doubt that they had geographical proximity and interactions in Germany. Finding the town-of-origin of any one of them may lead to finding the others.

Various Internet sites make claims about Jacob Zorn's parentage and origin in Germany, but I know of no proof to support these. In fact, I easily found evidence to show that one of the claims was refuted by that Jacob Zorn having remained in Germany and died there. I have noticed multiple Zorn families in PA, and no connections between them are apparent. "Zorn" is the German word for anger or wrath, so there are likely many of the surname. The previously referenced *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America, Vol. I: The Northern Kraichgau*, p.416, by Annette Burgert, identified Andreas Zorn of Kirnbach, Massenbach, and Schluchtern, Germany. He married at Schluchtern on 13 Feb. 1744 M. Dorothea Naser. At Massenbach they had:

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| 1. Eva Dorothea | b. 28 July 1744. | |
| 2. Eva Catharina | b. 6 Oct. 1745 | |
| 3. Joh. Andreas | b. 23 Dec. 1747 | d.1844, KY |
| 4. Joh. Martin | b. 21 Aug. 1750 | d.1838, OH |

They immigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia in Sept. 1752 on the ship *St. Andrew*. His wife soon died, and he remarried on 15 Jan. 1754 to Catharina Zurnin at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA. Catharina's surname *Zurnin*, would actually be *Zurn*; the -in just denotes the feminine version of the surname. So here you have Andreas Zorn marrying yet another Zurn/Zorn family. It was Andreas' widow and sons Andreas [Jr.] and Martin who settled in Monongalia Co., WV. I have seen credible on-line postings that report that Catherine Zorn, widow of Andreas Sr., remarried to Garrett Decker. Together, Garrett and Catherine had a daughter Susanna Decker. After Garrett Decker's death, Catherine ((Zurn) Zorn) Decker remarried to Francis Burrell. I had a friend in college who was a brilliant genealogist; he descended from both Johan Wendel Braun and the Zorns of Monongalia County. It is painful to see that Andreas Zorn's family is still confounded with that of Jacob Zorn on many Internet sites, given that they are not known to have any interactions, connecting records, nor interactions with others in common.

Back to Jacob Zorn. After arriving in 1738, he married Anna Maria Gotteskind 12 April 1741 at Tulpehocken, PA by Rev. Casper Stoeber. In Nov. 1741, Anna Maria *Zornin* sponsored the

baptism of Eva Mara, dau. of Joh. Jacob Vollmar Sr. Jacob and Anna Maria (Gotteskind) Zorn had:

1. Anna Catharina, bp. 17th Sunday after Trinity [Oct.], 1744. The sponsors were George and Anna Catharina Gartner.
2. Maria Appolonia, bp. 6 Dec. 1746
3. Maria Barbara, bp. Dec. 1748. Her sponsor was Maria Barbara Gross.

After their mother died, and Jacob Zorn remarried to a woman named Maria Catharine ----, ca.1750. The first record I know of Jacob Zorn in VA is Nov. 1755 when *Mary* Sorn was appointed Administratrix of his estate in Augusta County (ACWBk. 2, p.126); her securities were Jacob Syver [Seibert] and John Duncan [Dunkle]. In August 1756 the appraisal of his estate was done by Jacob Sivart [Seibert], John Dunkle, and Charles Wilson; an additional appraisal was done by Bouston [Sebastian] Hoover, Mark Swatley, and Christian Eavach [Evick] (ACWBk. 2, p.159). Jacob Zorn's widow *Catherine* was still living on the upper South Fork in 1763 when she and Jacob Roleman together bought 200 acres from Wood, Green, and Russell. While Catherine Zorn and Jacob Roleman buying land together *is* suggestive of a relationship between them, Catherine could have been a sister of Jacob Ruleman's wife Margaret, whose maiden name is also unknown. By the next year Catherine Zorn had remarried Henry Stone; this is proven via Augusta Co., VA Order Bk. 8, p.396 [March 1764]. It has been spread *ad nauseam* that Jacob Zorn married Maria Catherina (Ruleman) Eckard, "the widow of Casper Eckard." The source of this is Joseph H. Kellogg's *Tulpehocken-Virginia Notes* (1945). On p.110 when identifying ship lists and immigrants, he says about Jacob Zorn, "(His first marriage is on Tulpehocken records. Later he married Mary Catherine Ruleman, widow of Casper Eckert)." On p.216, he stated "(Casper and Philip Eckert were sons of Mrs. Henry Stone, by her first husband---her second had been Jacob Zorn. She herself was Mary Ruleman, sister of Jacob and aunt of Christian Ruleman).", p.216. Kellogg does not say what he based these conclusions on; maybe it was based on the fact that Maria Catherine Zorn bought land with Jacob Ruleman. It wasn't a bad guess; it's just that the continuing record of Casper Sr. and Maria Catherine Eckard in PA as late as 1772 preclude this possibility. Further, Christian was a brother, not nephew, to Jacob Ruleman [Jr.] and Maria Catherina (Ruhlmann) Eckard.

I have not seen any *records* to suggest that any of Jacob Zorn's daughters grew to adulthood. However, **IF** the girls survived, **THEN** they would have been raised by their step-mother and her new husband, Henry Stone. There might be some record of such children's guardianships in the Augusta court order books, ca.1756-70. While Lyman Chalkley abstracted these in his 3-volume *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia*, he left out reference to *many* records, especially ones that pertained to Germans, or illicit situations. Someone could page those Order Books to see if there are any references to Zorns. The only known suggestion that one of Jacob Zorn's children survived comes from Oren Morton. In his *The History of Highland County, Virginia* (1911), he indicated on p.357, the Eye subsection, Morton reported that Christopher Eye's wife was Catherine Zorn. However, the prior year when he published *The History of*

Pendleton County, WV (1910), he did not, indicating only that Christopher's wife was named "(Catherine -----)", p.205. It seems likely that Morton got this via family tradition that came to him *after* the *Pendleton* publication. Jacob Zorn's daughter Anna Catherine, b.1744, *would be* a perfect match to Mrs. Christopher Eye. Christopher and Catherine Eye's 14 children were born ca.1770 to 1789; if Anna Catharina Zorn was their mother, then she would have been 25-6 at the birth of their first child, and 45 at the birth of their last. This is exactly the pattern of the time period. Additionally, Christopher and Catherine named their second son "Jacob," which would usually have been named after the mother's father. They also named the third son "Henry," possibly after Henry Stone; and a daughter Anna Maria Appolonia [m. George Propst of Leonard Sr., Aug. 1792], possibly named after Jacob Zorn's daughter Maria Appolonia. Overall, the circumstantial evidence is very supportive for Mrs. Christopher Eye to have been the daughter of Jacob Zorn.

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