

The Mystery of Mary Catherine Ruhlman and Anna Maria Gotteskind

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Any genealogists out there... Here's a mystery. The name "Mary Catherine Ruhlman" appears twice in my ancestry. She is listed as possibly the wife of Jacob Zorn instead of Anna Maria Gotteskind or as being the daughter of Anna Goteskind who married a Ruhlman. However, the mystery deepens as the name appears as that of the wife of Johann Caspar Eckhardt (ancestor of Eckards). Looking at some sources, some say that Mary was married to both Jacob Zorn and Johann Eckhardt (which would make my Propst and Eckard ancestors distant cousins). See some of my links below and please post any thoughts or research.

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Jamie Johnson On this link, there is a woman named Donna Stone who is listed as having a DNA connection back to Anna Maria (Gotteskind) Zorn and I checked on GEDmatch and Donna Stone and I share DNA with a common ancestor (MRCA) between 6 and 7 generations back.

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Jamie Johnson I didn't finish up there for those following this thread. Another ancestor is Philip Eckard, Sr., "The Pioneer" who is a son of Maria Catherine (Ruhlman) Eckhardt. So, the challenge is knowing if I am related to Ms. Stone through Eckards or Propsts (back to Zorn) and if the latter, if the wife of Jacob Zorn was Anna Gotteskind or Mary Catherine Ruhlman. Any help would be appreciated.

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