

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. Seven generations back, one of my ancestors is Sophia Elizabeth Eye (Also seen as Ann Elizabeth Sophia Eye) who married Daniel Propst. Sophia's grandmother was the woman in question. Sophia is on my family tree site here: <http://family.beacondeacon.com/ap.htm>

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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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[Jamie Johnson](#) Make sure to read my comments under my third comment under the "Anna Maria (Gotteskind) Zorn..." link.

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[Jamie Johnson](#) This clears things up somewhat: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/156279224/jacob-zorn>
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[Jamie Johnson](#) Anna Gotteskind was his first wife who died in 1741. Mary Catherine Ruhlman was his second wife whose daughter Catherine Anna Zorn married Christopher Eye, my 6x great grandparents.

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[Jamie Johnson](#) And it appears there were two women named Mary Catherine Ruleman (Maria Catharina Ruhlman), one married to Jacob Zorn and one married to Johann Caspar Eckhardt. Mary Catherine (Ruhlman) Zorn was around 25 when her daughter was born in 1751 (The daughter was Anna Catharina Zorn who married Christopher S. Eye). Mary Catherine (Ruhlman) Eckhardt was married in 1743 to Johann Caspar Eckhardt and Philip Eckard, Sr., "The Pioneer" was born ca. 1747-1751 and several transactions indicate the Eckhardt couple was alive in 1773.

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[Jamie Johnson](#) Found this info last night: According to <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/eckhardt/about/results>, J. Casper Eckhardt had moved his family to VA in 1773 (and we see by his wife's death, it was actually earlier).

Also found more to distinguish between the two Maria Catharina Ruhlman's. Maria Catharina (Ruhlman) Eckard was b. 16 December 1723 in Langensoutzbach, Palatinate (in what is now France) and died March 1764 in Pendleton County according to <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LWYF-2Z4> while Maria Catharina (Ruhlman) Zorn was b. 1726 in Monongalia County according to <https://www.findagrave.com/.../157014000/mary-catherine-zorn>
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