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Dear Mr. Gilbert,

A few weeks ago I had an opportunity to stop in at St. Peter's Church to look at the tablet and stained glass window dedicated to Amelius Sicard and to pay my respects at his and his mother Mary's grave. In that connection I picked up the brief description of the church. There are two matters I would like to raise with you.

The leaflet describes Amelius Sicard as a Huguenot. This I am afraid is incorrect. He was from an old aristocratic family in Languedoc which for centuries adhered to the Roman Catholic tradition. I am not sure at what stage in the family's peregrinations through Europe it changed to the Protestant tradition. His father Jean-Jacques who served Queen Caroline until her death in 1821 is buried in the parish church in Kensington High St. (R. Sicard, Histoire d'une Famille de Languedoc, Paris 1962, pp.124-126)

The leaflet speaks of "the history of the parish displayed in the church". I looked for this but was unable to spot it. Would it be possible for you or someone in the parish to check through that history to see if there is any further information regarding Amelius or his mother. I am particularly interested in finding out if either of his sister Augusta(Delmar) or Julia(Ritter) came to live with him and might be buried at Bridge. I would of course be prepared to pay for such a search and for any costs incurred in photocopying relevant sections.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience,

Yours sincerely,



S. v. Sicard