

SICARD.

The Vicar, The Reverend Raymond Gilbert has passed on to his
 your letter concerning your family in Bridge Church; I am the village
 "unofficial" historian and I have kept the records since 1958, in good
 faith I thought the late was a Jew and I apologise for the error.
 No doubt you visited the late Montagu in the house and recently
 I had a visit from the present Baron in Paris and his descendant who
 is also a Roman Catholic is buried in the church, ~~and~~ he came from the
 Chevreux Lebride 15. Bordeaux and was the grand son of the philosopher
 and he was so horrified by the excesses of the French Revolution that he
 emigrated to England and I am wondering if your family was in the same
 position. It was unusual for a Roman Catholic to be buried in a
 Protestant church at this period.

I enclose a map of the churchyard and the name Sicard appears on
 No 148 as follows: - In memory of AMELIUS SICARD only son of John
 Jacob and Mary Sicard born at Blackheath June 12th 1809 died at Bridge
 November 29th 1880. Here he had resided forty-eight years and had
 been to rich and poor the beloved physician. Headstone, Bodystone and
 Footstone A.S. 1880

Also on 149: - Sacred to the memory of MARY SICARD widow of the late
 J.J. Sicard Esq; of Kensington who departed this life on the 30th day
 of July 1843 in her 78th year. Headstone, Bodystone and Footstone MS 1843.

I presume J.J. is Jean Jacques who served Queen Caroline.

The only reference to Delmar is:

No 237 as follows: Sacred to the memory of JAMES DELMAR late of
 this parish who departed this life June 27th 1882 aged 59 years beloved
 through life lamented in his end likewise of JAMES son of the above by
 HANNAH his wife who died April 1st 1818 aged 12 years. Also of
 three infant children of the above George, Mary and Henry, Hannah
 Delmar died July 15th 1848 aged 75 years.

No. 238: - Stuart son of Jones & Augusta DELMAR born
 October 15th 1815: died December 26th 1868. Make them to be numbered
 with the saints in glory ever lasting. In loving memory of Jones Delmar
 of Canterbury born September 4th 1798 died October 4th 1879. Augusta
 his wife born August 20th 1807 died February 28th 1881. Augusta
 second daughter of Jones and Augusta Delmar born October 11th 1829
 died April 30th 1856. Cross on stone block base.

I would be interested to know from where in Longwood your
 predecessors came from and also in what capacity J.J. served Queen
 Carolina.

The tenement house where Amehus Sicard ^{worked} is still standing, and has recently
 been turned into private houses. Bridge although it straddled the
 main road to London was always quite a poor village and we are
 still known as Datchet with Bridge. I am afraid the churchyard
 gates suffered in the great storm on October 1987.

I hope the above may be of use to you.

Yours sincerely,
 John Williams.

P.S. I can find no reference to
 Julia Ritter.

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The plaque inside the church
 reads as follows: Sacred to the
 memory of AMEHUS SICARD M.R.C.S.
 who departed this life November 29th
 1880 aged 71 years. This tablet and the West
 window were placed in this church by a numerous
 circle of friends

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