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Sent: Sunday, 1 November 2015 8:11 PM
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**Subject:** RE: Historical enquiry

**Dear David** 

Thank you for your message, and I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news.

The German Lutheran Church did not become what is now known as the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. It was in a different part of what had been the Hospital of St John The Baptist, that was created and endowed from a legacy left be King Henry VII in 1509. That part of the building was demolished in the 1800's and nothing of it remains. Until the late 1700's the present chapel was known as the Church of St Mary le Savoy. Its congregation raised enough money to create a new building and relocated to what is now St Mary le Strand. When they relocated the present chapel became known as The Chapel Royal Savoy, however it had an extensive fire in 1864 and all of its records before that date were totally destroyed. We have marriage records back to 1901, but alas there is nothing else that Loffer.

Best wishes and good luck with the rest of your research.

**Thomas** 

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Hello, I am hoping you may be able to assist me with a historical enquiry

involving a christening from the 1850's. I am attempting to trace details of my g-g-g-grandparents. An entry in the family bible by their son-in-law states, in part:

Message g-grandparents. An entry in the family bible by their son-in-law states, in part:
"My wife's maiden name was Weber. She was the eldest child of Adalbert Arnold

Weber, at one time Captain in the Prussian Army. ... He was married to Baroness

Adelaide Emilie Amalia Henrietta von Schleiz, in her own right. The Baron her father was Prussian Ambassador to St. Petersburg during Crimean War. ... During the war with Denmark Captain Weber horsewhipped his Colonel for rudeness to Madame Weber and his friends immediately sent them both to England where Queen Victoria took them under her personal care and protection. ... My dear wife was born in London 20 April 1852 and baptized in German Lutheran Church of St. John Baptist, Savoy, Strand on 27 June 1852 by the Revd. W. Gastpar. She was baptized in a robe made by Lady Mary Bontilla and Lady Constance (?) Quize". A second child - Carl Ludvig - was subsequently born in London (I am descended from this second child), and the family then migrated to Australia in 1854. I have struggled to find further details of the family's time in London - including any records that might validate the above story, and maybe explain the royal connection. I understand that the Chapel in the Savoy has a complicated history and that therefore the records might be difficult to trace. I have however found an indication that the relevant record of the above baptism might be located with the "Chapel of the Victorian Order". I would be delighted if you were able to provide any indication of where I might be able to find a record of the above baptism, and if it exists how I might be able to obtain a copy. Kind regards, and with great appreciation, David Lowe

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