

Claudius Champion de Crespigny (1620-1695) was a Huguenot and officer in the French army. In 1687 he and his wife **Maria de Vierville** (also buried here) fled their chateau at Vierville in France for England after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. They found sanctuary in London and De Crespigny became a Colonel in the English army. The Champion de Crespigny family held land in Camberwell. They were a Norman family who fought in First Crusades under St Louis and became hereditary champion of Dukes of Brittany and Normandy.

