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.