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*Amsonia*

*Apocynaceae*

*Amsonia* commemorates for some authorities a little known mid-18<sup>th</sup> Century American doctor and traveller, Charles Amson of Virginia, who was a friend of the English settler John Clayton (1686-1773). Others wonder instead whether it might commemorate a past Mayor of Williamsburg, Virginia (a Dr. John Amson) who was also alleged to be an associate of John Clayton – or even that the two are one and the same person if not related individuals.