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*Boswellia*

*Burseraceae*

*Boswellia* according to some authorities a Scottish physician and botanist, John Boswell (1710-1780). If records can be relied upon he not only served as President of the Royal College of Physicians but from 1753-1754, as a Mason, was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Other authorities suggest it commemorates a Scottish lawyer and biographer/friend of Dr. Samuel Johnson (the famous English 18<sup>th</sup> Century writer), James Boswell (1740-1795) 9<sup>th</sup> Laird of Auchinlech, for whom John Boswell may well have been an uncle. He is viewed by critics as a noted man-of-letters not least, some authorities suggest, following the much lauded 1791 publication of *The Life of Samuel Johnson*.