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*Bursera* commemorates a German physician and botanist Joachim Burser (1583-1649), who became professor of medicine and botany at Soro in Denmark. He travelled widely in Europe collecting plants which were included in his Hortus Siccus (herbarium in book form in 25 volumes together with a supplementary one on Denmark). This herbarium (now in Uppsala University Botanical Museum, minus Volumes II and V which were destroyed in the disastrous Uppsala fire of 1702) was examined in the century following Burser's death by his peer Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) the Swedish naturalist and physician who founded the system of nomenclature used today for animals and plants.