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*Grevillea*

*Proteaceae*

*Grevillea* commemorates an English patron of botany, The Honourable Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809) who was the second son of the Earl of Warwick. He was a Lord of the Admiralty, founder of the Horticultural Society of London, a Vice-President of the Royal Society and a friend of Sir Joseph Banks, a celebrated English botanist. He also developed the town of Milford Haven so that it became an important Welsh port. Fourteen of the exotic plants in his London garden at Paddington Green were illustrated in *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. In his younger days his mistress was Emma Hart, the future wife of Lord Nelson, and society appears to have treated him roughly after he effectively abandoned her when he sent her to his uncle, Sir William Hamilton who was then British Envoy in Naples, and then did not follow her. His enthusiasm for natural history was wide-angng and not confined to plants. He built a significant mineral collection that was eventually acquired by the Natural History Museum.