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*Incarvillea*

*Bignoniaceae*

*Incarvillea* commemorates a French Jesuit missionary, botanist and plant collector, Father Pierre d'Incarville (1706-1757), who was commissioned to collect Chinese plants for both the French royal gardens and the Jardin des Plantes in Paris. Becoming a Jesuit in 1727, he spent nine years in Canada before being moved to China. From there he corresponded with the French botanist, Bernard Jussieu (c.1699-1777), as well as many other leading European botanical figures, including Philip Miller at London's Chelsea Physic Garden, and sent seeds of many new trees and shrubs that he had discovered in the environs of Peking back to Europe. He also described the Chinese practice of farming silkworms with which Europe was not then familiar in *Mémoire sur les vers à soie sauvage*.