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*Lysimachia*

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*Lysimachia* is derived for some authorities from Greek *luo* (to lose) and *mache* (strife) components. For others suggest it commemorates the King of Thrace, Lysimachus (c. 360-281 BC). He ruled his kingdom in about 300 BC and was reputed to have been the first to discover the plant's soothing qualities, not least by using it to pacify a bull. The name Lysimachus in Greek means 'ending strife'. He served as a courageous officer under Alexander the Great (356-323 BC) who, upon his death, left Thrace and the Gallipoli Peninsula under Lysimachus' governorship. He expanded his kingdom and spent much of his active life fending off invaders until eventually he died in the Battle of Corupedium.