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*Neillia*

*Rosaceae*

*Neillia* commemorates a Scottish naturalist and printer, Patrick Neill (1776-1851), who was Secretary (from its outset for about 40 years) of the Wernerian Natural History Society which existed from 1808 to 1858. He was the first Secretary too of the Caledonian Horticultural Society which was founded in 1809 and was granted Royal Charters in 1824 and 1898. Neill was a keen gardener and his garden, which contained exotic plants, was visited by his peers. He also oversaw the arrangement and planting (about 77,000 shrubs and trees) of West Princes Street gardens in Edinburgh in 1820. He was a Fellow of both the Linnean Society and The Royal Society of Edinburgh and he received an honorary doctorate from Edinburgh University. On his death he left similar bequests to the The Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Caledonian Horticultural Society for each to found a medal, the former to be awarded for works or publications by Scottish naturalists and the latter to Scottish botanists or cultivators. His own published works include *A Tour through some of the Islands of Orkney and Shetland*, and *Journal of a Horticultural Tour through some parts of Flanders, Holland and the North of France in the Autumn of 1817 by a Deputation of the Caledonian Horticultural Society. Edinburgh.*