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*Paulownia* commemorates Anna Paulowna (1795-1865), daughter of the Romanov Paul I of Russia and sister to the tsars, Alexander I and Nikolai I. She was born in St. Petersburg and in 1816 married Wilhelm II, Prince of Orange, thus becoming Queen of the Netherlands – and the present Dutch royal family is descended from her. In her adopted home she became much loved and is remembered to this day, which explains perhaps why she is often referred to as a 'princess of the Netherlands'.