

CAMELLIAS IMPORTED BY E. A. McILHENNY

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MR. E. A. McILHENNY (1872-1949) of Avery Island, Louisiana, began collecting camellias in earnest at about the turn of the century, as is evidenced by the fact that in 1902 his camellia collection numbered over 100 varieties. It was not until 1931, however, that his first importations were made. During the period 1931-39, Mr. McIlhenny probably imported more camellia varieties than any other person to this date. His importations were propagated and placed on the market as soon as a sufficient stock of them was available.

It is difficult to evaluate the part that the late E. A. McIlhenny played in the revival of camellia popularity in America. Certainly he can be accredited with no small part. It is not likely that all of his camellia activities will ever become generally known.

Mr. McIlhenny was a rare combination of scientist, naturalist and showman. His scientific activities were occasionally mistaken for a master stroke of showmanship. His nursery catalogs were full of camellia names foreign to the English tongue. To some these names appeared to have originated from a fertile imagination for the purpose of adding names to his catalogs. Mr. McIlhenny vigorously defended the validity of these names. As a matter of fact, he advocated the use of prior foreign names rather than the American synonyms.

The following list of camellia importations¹ made by Mr. McIlhenny was furnished by his daughter, Mrs. Polly McIlhenny Simmons. This list has been altered in spelling to coincide with the accepted spelling of variety names.² Notations of synonymy have been deleted.

Other notes in Mr. McIlhenny's records indicate that his foreign vendors made some mistakes in the identity of varieties. This seemed obvious in the case of the importation of the va-

¹Although this listing is reported as a compilation of Mr. McIlhenny's foreign importations, his 1941 catalog lists other, additional and obviously foreign imports; viz., Duchesse de Berry, etc.—EDITORS.

²Corrections have been made in accordance with accepted spelling. The writer is indebted to Austin Griffiths, Jr., for these corrections.

riety Gloire de Nantes from Robert Veitch & Sons, Limited. Mr. McIlhenny's notes indicate that what he got was really Lady Clare instead of Gloire de Nantes. Opportunities for errors in identity and spelling are greatly multiplied in such transactions and especially when two languages are involved. Unfortunately, such errors are not always detected and rectified.¹

IMPORTATIONS FROM:
Robert Veitch & Sons, Ltd.
Exeter, England
1931-37

<i>Camellia cuspidata</i>	Gloire de Nantes
<i>Camellia oleifera</i> ²	Kimberley
<i>Camellia reticulata</i>	Lady Audrey Buller
<i>Camellia rosaeiflora</i>	Lady Clare
<i>Camellia rosaeiflora fl. pl.</i>	Latifolia
<i>Camellia Sasanqua</i>	Magnoliæflora
<i>Camellia Sasanqua</i> , single pink	Mathotiana Rosea
Conspicua	Mrs. William Thompson
Devonia	Nobilissima
Elegans	St. Andre
Flora	Sylvia
Fred Sander	<i>Tutcheria spectabilis</i> ³

T. J. Seidel
Dresden, Germany
Dec. 30, 1937

Amandryos di Cusano	Frau Geheimrat Oldevig
Baronne de Bleichröder ⁴	Frau Dr. Schiffner
Buff	General Cialdini
<i>Camellia reticulata</i>	Giardino Franchetti
C. H. Hovey	Heinrich Seidel
Colombo	Helene von Wallenberg
Comte de Nesselrode	Prince Albert
Dryade	Queen Victoria
Emrna	Van Nees
Eugenie de Massena	Variegata Perfecta
Felicitas	Veronica

¹From the following lists it will be seen that the Japanese in naming varieties have given the same varietal name used in one species to a variety in another. Thus, we have *C. japonica* var. Mine-no-yuki and *C. Sasanqua* var. Mine-no-yuki, etc. Such a practice is in complete opposition to the rules for naming horticultural plants, because only one particular variety name can be used within a single genus such as *Camellia*.—EDITORS.

²Properly *C. Sasanqua* var. *Oleifera* in this instance.—EDITORS.

³A camellia relative.—EDITORS.

⁴This is not to be confused with the Bleichroeder from the West Coast, which is improperly named. The above is the true variety. —EDITORS.

Guichard Sceurs
Nantes, France
1931-37

Ainfa Egeria	Duc de Berry
Alba Casoretti	Duc de Bretagne
Alba Plena	Duchessa di Montpensier
Angela Cocchi	Duchesse de Cazes
Anna Bruneau	Duchesse d'Orleans
Anna Frost	Elisa Centurioni
AugusteDelfosse	Emperor
Baronne Leguay	Eugene Lize
Beaute de Nantes	Festiva
Bella Lamberti	Fimbriata
Bella Romana	Fire Ball
Belle Judita	Frans van Damme
Bicolor de la Reine	General Lafayette
Bonomiana	General Lamoriciere
Briomarotti	Giardino Schmitz
<i>Camellia reticulata</i>	Gloire de Nantes
<i>Camellia Sasanqua</i> , Rosea	Gordoni
Camilla Brozzoni	*Gunnera Manicata
Carlotta Grisi	Guthriana
Carnea	Hectotiana
Caryophylloides	Hubens
Centifolia Alba	Il Cygno
C. M. Hovey	Il Tramonto
Colletti	Imbricata (Dunlap)
Compacta Alba	Imbricata Rubra
Comte Boutourlin	Imperator
Comte de Gomer	Imperialis
Comte de Paris	Isabella Spinola
Concordia	Italiana
Contessa Calini	Jenny Lind
Contessa Lavinia Maggi	Jubilee
Coquettii	Justine Heurtin
Corradino	Kellingtonia
Countess of Derby	Kenny
Cruciata	Kossuth
Cup of Beauty	Lallarook
Darsii	La Niobe
Daviesi	Latifolia
De la Reine	Leon Leguay
De Notaris	Leopold I
Derbyana	Linda Rosazza
Don Camillo Borghese	Lineata
Donckelarii	Madame Ambroise Verschaffelt

*Varieties marked by an asterisk are those for which literature citations have not been located.—Errors.

Madame Appoline Guichard	Princesse Baciocchi
Madame Cachet	Princesse Clotilde
Madame Canaert d'Hamale	Professore Filippo Parlato
Madame Charles Blard	Professore Giovanni Santarelli
Madame Haas	Prosper Vial
Madame Lebois	Punctata Boutourlin
Madame Lourmand	Punctata Major
Madame Picouline	Reine des Fleurs
Marchioness of Exeter	Reine Marie-Henriette
Marguttina	Roi Leopold
Mariana Gaete	Rubens
Maria Antonietta	Rubescens Major
Marie Morren	Somnambula
Marie Therese	Sophia Chiarugi
Mathotiana	Souv. de Bahuaud-Litou
Mathotiana Rosea	Souv. de Gaston Allery
Monsieur Faucillon	Souv. de Henri Guichard
Monsieur Paugam	Souv. de Mme. Colette van Wassenhove
Montironi	Storeyi
Montironi Rosca	Teutonia
Nobilissima	Traversi Plenissima
Onore del Monte	Tricolor Nova
Optima	Triumphans
Palazzo Turzi	Unifa del Tebro
Paolina Guichardini	Valtevereda
*Penny Bellis	Variegata
Perfecta Variegata	Victor Emmanuel II
Picturata	Ville de Nantes
Pie IX	Virginia Franco
President Allard	Washington
Preston Rose	Zoraide Wanzi
Prince Albert	

The Chugai Shokubutsu Yen
Kobe, Japan
1934-39

Camellia japonica

Adzuma-shibori	Arejishi
Aka-koshimino	Aya-nishiki
Aka-sumikura	Beni-kirin
Aka-takukai	Beni-myorenji
Aka-wabisuke	Benten
Aka-wabisuke (winter flowering)	Black Queen
Akebono	Boku-han
*Aki-no-nami	Bon-shiratama
Aki-no-yama	Chitose-giku
Ama-no-kawa	Chitose-nishiki
Ama-no-shita	*Chitose-no-homare

Chiyoda-nishiki	Kisoi-goshi
Cho-no-hanagata	Kiyosu
Daikagura	Konron-koku
Fuyajo	Kon-wabisuke
Genji-karako	Koshi-no-yuki
Goishi	Kow-ei
Gondo-shibori	Kumasaka
Gosho-guruma	Kurai-no-himo
Hagoromo	Kuro-tsubaki
Hajuro-nishiki	Kyo-botan
Haku-bai	Kyokko
Haku-botan	Masayoshi
Haku-cho	Matsugasaki
Hakuo	Matsukasa (Matsukasa-shibori)
Haku-rakuten	Mihata
Haku-ryo	Mikado-nishiki
Haku-tsuru	Mikenjaku
Hana-fuki	Minamoto
Hana-guruma	Mine-no-yuki
Haru-no-utena	Miodoroki
Hassaku-tsubaki	Miyuki-nishiki
Hatsu-arashi	Momiji-gari
Hatsu-sakura	Momiju-yama
Hatsu-simo	Momo-chidori
Hijirimen	Murui-shibori
Hikaru-genji	Myorenji
Hino-hakama	Nana-komachi
Hi-otome	Nishiki-gasane
Hi-owsho	Nishiki-mino
Hishi-karaito	Nishiki-no-tsukasa
Honjo-shiro	Oki-no-ishi
*Ichimonji	Oki-no-nami
Idaten-shibori	Oniji
Iwane (Iwane-shibori)	Oranda-beni
Jitsugetsu	Oranda-gasa
Juyo	Oridono-nishiki
Kagoshima	Otome-shibori
Kamo-hon-ami	Ozora
*Kanzaki-murui	Pink Kagura
Kaoyo-dori	Pink Myorenji
Kara-nishiki	Rasen-zome
Kari-ginu	Renjo-no-tama
*Kari-gorome ¹	Rogetsu
Kasugano	Rogetsu-nishiki
Kayoi-dori	Saifu
Kiku-dzuki	*Sakigake
Kingyo-tsubaki	Sakuraba-genji
Kishu-tsukasa	Sanko

¹Possibly correctly spelled Karagonoromo.—EDITORS.

Sanko-nishiki	Sudzuka-no-seki
Sanko-tsubaki	Suibijin
Sa-otome	Sukiya
Seiganji	*Taihei
Shibori-jusu	Tamadare
*Shibori-karako ¹	*Tamuki-yama
Shibori-no-rogetsu	Taro-an
Shibori-wabisuke	Taro-kwanja
Shikai-nami	Tennin-kwan
Shio-ginu	Tobiri-otome
Shira-giku	Toki-no-hagasane
Shira-nuhi	Toyo-nishiki
Shiratama-shibori	Tsuki-no-miyako
Shiro-bokuhan	Tsuru-no-kegoromo
Shiro-kagura	Ume-gaki
Shiro-karako	Usu-otome
*Shiro-myorenji	Yae-gasumi
Shiro-wabisuke	*Yamanashi-benten
Shokko	Yamato-nishiki
Shokko-nishiki	Yaye-shiratama
*Showa-wabisuke	Yezo-nishiki
Shuchuka	Yezo-shibori
Shungyo-ko	Yobiko-dori
Shun-shokko	Yodo-no-asahi
Shuzan	Yohei-haku
Sode-gakushi	Yuki-botan
Somegawa	White Kagura

Camellia Sasanqua

Akashi-gata	Gin-ryo
Akashi-no-umi	Gomi-no-koromo
Akebono-nishiki	Gosho-nishiki
Akebono-shibori	Gosho-zakura
Aki-geshiki	Hana-daijin
Asa-gasumi	Hana-fuki
Asahi-botan	Hashidate
Asahi-dzuru	Hatsu-yuki
Asahi-gai	Hinode-gumo
Capitol of China	Hi-no-hakama
Chiri-tsubaki	Hiodoshi
Chiyo-dzuru	Hiryo
Chuya-shibori	Hiryo-nishiki
Fuji-no-mine	*Hitoe-hiryo
Fuku-no-kami	Hitomaro
Genji-guruma	Homare-no-nishiki
Gimpow	Hoshi-hiryo
Gin-no-sai	Hotei-asobi

¹Possibly correctly spelled Shibori-kanoko.—EDITORS.

Howmei	Shichifukujin
Iwa-kagami	Shichihow-den
Kaido	Shikishima
Kaido-maru	Shinonome
Kamakura	Shio-ginu
Kinka-zan	Shishigashira
Kin-no-sai	Showa-no-sakae
Kokinran	Shuchuka
Kow-gyoku	Taimei-nishiki
Kureha	Taisho-nishiki
Kyo-nishiki	Takara-awase
Maidzuru	Tamatsushima
Meigetsu	Toko
Mine-no-yuki	Totenko
Miodoroki	Toyen-nishiki
Miyako-nishiki	Tsuda-shibori
Miyuki-nishiki	Tsudzuru-nishiki
Momozono	Tsuki-no-kasa
Momozono-nishiki	Tsumaori-gasa
Narumigata	Tsuyu-no-tama
Negishi-ko	Ume-gaki
Onigoromo	Umi-no-oto
Osaka-dzuki	Wago-jin
Otoko-yama	White Shishigashira
Pink Shishigashira	Yaegasumi
Sanko	Yamato-kagami
Sarasa-shibori	Yamato-nishiki
Setsugekka	*Yobiki-dori
Setsuzan	Yuki-no-nagame

K. Yashiroda, Ltd.
Kagawaken, Japan
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*Camellia reticulata*¹

Albiflora
Bicolor

Campanulata

¹Although these importations were made under the name of *C. reticulata*, their true botanical relationships are very much in doubt at present.—EDITORS.