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n. pl. dow·ries

1. Money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage.
2. A sum of money required of a postulant at a convent.
3. A natural endowment or gift; a talent.
4. *Archaic* See [dower](#).

[Middle English *douerie*, from Anglo-Norman *douarie*, from Medieval Latin *dōtārium*, *dōārium*, *dōāria*, dower; see [DOWER](#).]

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