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n.

1. *Law* The act of giving or leaving personal property by a will.
2. Something that is bequeathed; a legacy.

[Middle English *biquet* (influenced by *biquethen*, to bequeath) : *bi-*, *be-* + *quist*, will (from Old English *-cwis*, as in *andcwis*, answer; see **g^wet-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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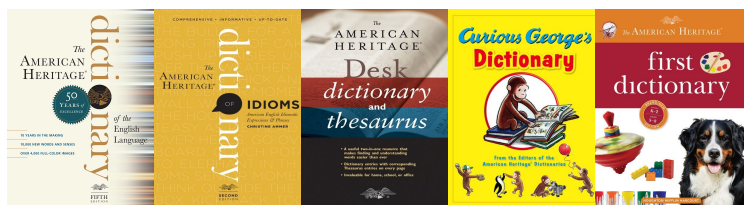
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