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Ecclesiastical

1. An endowment to cover expenses for the saying of masses and prayers, usually for the soul of the founder of the endowment.
2. An altar or chapel endowed for the saying of such masses and prayers.

[Middle English *chanterie*, from Old French, from *chanter*, to sing; see [CHANT](#).]

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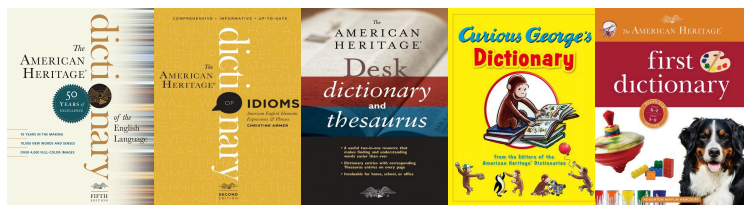
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