

Definitions starting with L

lye water

[cf. OED lye alkalized water, primarily that made by the lixiviation of vegeable ashes ... also water of lye (obs.)]

n. 1. water from a LYE BARREL: 1977 Lye water was kept in a wooden tub ... ashes and water were put into the tub when necessary (Albury 20). (Gen.)

2. water mixed with ashes for bathing the sick or dead. = ASHES WATER (Mayag.)

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