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A **columbarium** (/ˌkɒləmˈbɛəri.əm/^[1] pl. **columbaria**) is a structure for the reverential and usually public storage of **funerary urns**, holding **cremated** remains of the deceased.

The term can also mean the nesting boxes of **pigeons**. The term comes from the Latin "*columba*" (dove) and, originally, solely referred to compartmentalized housing for doves and pigeons called a **dovecote**.

