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Cronista General de Castilla y Leon: Año de 1649.  
SEGUNDO TOMO EN OLA PRIMERA.  
En la Villa de Madrid



Historia de la Casa de  
los Reyes de Castilla  
y Leon, desde el Rey  
Don Alfonso IX hasta  
Don Felipe IV, año 1665.



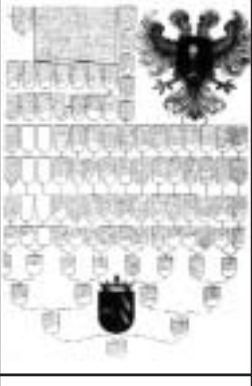
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