

poorhouse *(poor-house)*

Definition

n. A government-run facility where people who are unable to support themselves financially are provided with basic necessities.

Example Sentence

In the 19th century, many impoverished families ended up living in the **poorhouse**.

More Example Sentences

The **poorhouse** provided shelter and food for those who had fallen on hard times.

Synonyms

workhouse; almshouse; asylum

Antonyms

mansion; palace; estate

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