Discovering Your Ancestors in Poorhouse Records

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Types of Poorhouse Records

- Admission and Discharge Records
- Apprenticeship papers
- Hospital Records
- Indenture Books
- Probate Records & County Court Minutes

Other Names for Poorhouse Records

- Almshouse records
- Poorhouse records
- Poor farm records
- Asylum Records
- Paupers Records
- Old Age Home Records
- “Record of Inmates”

Places You Can Find These Records

- FamilySearch
- Local Libraries
  - & The Genealogy Center!
- City Archives
- County Courthouse/Archives
- State Archives — see NARA State Archives list under “Online Resources” below
- 1880 Federal Census Supplemental Schedule 7 for the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
Online Resources

- FamilySearch catalog
- “United States 1880 Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules”, FamilySearch Research Wiki:
- Ancestry
  - 1880 Federal Census Supplemental Schedule 7, for the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes: [https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1634/](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1634/)

Additional Reading and Physical Resources in the Genealogy Center

1880 Supplemental Schedule 7, for the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes (Microfilm)

**ACPL catalog entry:** [https://www.genealogycenter.info/results_mtcensus.php](https://www.genealogycenter.info/results_mtcensus.php)


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Engelbrecht, Jacob. *The Jacob Engelbrecht property and almshouse ledgers of Frederick County, Maryland, 1820-1890.* Monrovia, MD: Paw Prints, 1996.

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https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/537465?offset=6&qs=poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy


ACPL catalog entry:

Green, Elena C. *This business of relief: confronting poverty in a Southern city, 1740-1940.* Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2003

ACPL catalog entry:
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1010902?offset=10&qs=poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy


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ACPL catalog entry:

Katz, M.B. *In the shadow of the poorhouse: a social history of welfare in America*

ACPL catalog entry:
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/622356?offset=0&qs=In%20the%20shadow%20of%20the%20poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search

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ACPL catalog entry:  
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/906316?offset=10&qs=almshouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

*Overton County, Tennessee poorhouse/county home, 1902-1961, history, photographs, documents: also, including journal, 1926-1946 of Rebecca "Becky" (Stewart) Qualls.* Livingston, TN: Overton County Historical Society, 2011.

ACPL catalog entry:  
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1361706?offset=5&qs=poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Poorhouse Records 1865-1930 [Dauphin County, PA] (Microform)

ACPL catalog entry:  
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1140423?offset=0&qs=poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy


ACPL catalog entry:  

Record of inmates of poor-house, 1887-1948 [Oceana County, MI] (Microform)

ACPL catalog entry:  
https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1713760?offset=1&qs=poorhouse&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

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Schmidt, Cynthia V. *Bits and pieces: records for Talbot and Queen Anne's counties of Maryland, complete transcriptions taken from the original records.* C.V. Schmidt, 2003.

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