

1837

Victorian Era

1901

1834 The Poor Law

1858 The Great Stink

1912 Titanic sinks

1948 National Assistance Act



Key Information

The Victorian **Workhouse** was an institution that provided work and shelter for poor people with no income.

The Poor Law (Amendment) Act of 1834, otherwise known as the 'New' Poor Law, established the workhouse system.

The 1948 National Assistance Act abolished the last vestiges of the Poor Law, and with it the workhouses.



Eaton Socon Workhouse, built in 1842



Buckden Workhouse, photograph 1898

Food in the Workhouse:

Broth - A soup

Jobs in the Workhouse:

Oakham picker – Oakham is an oily rope that people picked apart

Rooms in the Workhouse:

dormitory – a big bedroom that people shared.

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2023
Modern living



THINK IT.

Vocabulary Tier 2
uniform, laundry



BELIEVE IT.

Vocabulary Tier 3

oakham, broth, dormitory, orphan, pauper, poverty, workhouse



LIVE IT.