

The Homestead Act *(The---Home---stead---Act)*

Definition

n. A U.S. law passed in 1862 that provided 160 acres of public land to any adult citizen or intended citizen who paid a small registration fee and agreed to live on and cultivate the land for five years.

Example Sentence

The Homestead Act encouraged many families to move west and settle new lands.

More Example Sentences

Under **The Homestead Act**, settlers were able to claim land and start new lives.

Synonyms

land grant; public land law; settlement act

Antonyms

land restriction; land reservation; urbanization

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