



Chapter 7

 **Bonds of Friendship, Kinship, and Community:
Gender, Homelessness, and Mutual Aid
In Early-Nineteenth-Century Montreal** 
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Questions for Critical Reading

1. Poutanen argues that these women's lives are evidence of the permeability of the private and public spheres. Does she provide evidence to support that claim?
2. Poutanen argues that vagrancy became an identity rather than an action (p. 87). How did this affect the women in her study? Were any of the women able to use this shifting identity to their advantage?
3. How did the relationships between homeless women differ from their relationships with men?
4. What women were most susceptible to homelessness and why?

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Multimedia Resources

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NV_tGC7NRE4
- On Her Own: Young Women and Homelessness in Canada
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