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## **Abstract**

Arthurdale, West Virginia, was the first Federal homestead community established under President Franklin Roosevelt during the New Deal. Two scrapbooks, available on microfilm only, document the history of Arthurdale, West Virginia, from 1935 to 1975. Photographs, newspaper clippings, fact sheets about the community, and event programs offer insight into the development of the town, the involvement of Eleanor Roosevelt, students, and reflections on life in Arthurdale. Photographs and clippings on Volume I are chiefly from the 1930s and 1940s. Event programs come from a Labor Day celebration in 1938 and the Mountain Choir Festival in 1946. Book II contains clippings and photographs from the 1940s to the mid-1970s. These chiefly pertain to the Arthurdale church and high school students.

## **Creator**

Hartsell, Sarah

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# **Biographical / Historical**

Arthurdale, West Virginia, was the first Federal homestead community established under President Franklin Roosevelt during the New Deal. Located in Preston County, and named after Richard Arthur, the former owner of the land on which the community was built in 1933, Arthurdale was created to relocate poor farmers, laborers, and coal miners to a rural community that would eventually become economically self-sufficient. This community became a priority for Eleanor Roosevelt, who was deeply involved in the establishment of the town. In 1941 the town was returned to private ownership. Arthurdale is now a national historic district.

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