

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 497

**Title:** Roosevelt

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** n.d.

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Roosevelt, New Jersey

**Abstract:** This collection consists of an advertisement for a film about the community.

**Historical Notes:** Roosevelt, originally called Jersey Homesteads was one of the New Deal resettlement communities. It was located near Hightstown, New Jersey, between New York and Philadelphia, and in major part was designed as a communal home for New York needle workers. Jewish philanthropists supported the project, whose most visible activist was the Jewish advocate of community, Benjamin Brown; although it was officially open to all, it was in fact heavily Jewish. The project was founded in 1936 and incorporated two collectively owned clothing factories, inherited from the previous occupant of the land, Sunrise Cooperative Farms. In 1945, the name of Jersey Homesteads was changed to Roosevelt in memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had recently died. The communal aspects of the experiment gradually faded in subsequent years. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 228.

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Consumer cooperatives; Food cooperatives; Roosevelt (N.J.); Depressions--1929; New Deal, 1933-1939--New Jersey; Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Commune

## Administrative Information

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