

# ELEANOR, WV



## HISTORY OF ELEANOR, WV

Eleanor was established in 1934 after a visit from President Franklin Roosevelt and the First Lady. Originally called Red House Farms, Eleanor was one of three Homesteads built and 150 families were selected to live in the Homestead. By 1946, the Washington Homesteads Association was founded and homesteaders were given the opportunity to purchase the homes. By 1947, all of the homes were owned by the occupying families. Occupations of the homestead consisted of farming and dairy, a canning plant, workshops, or the greenhouse.

Eleanor is located in Putnam County, which is one of the most productive agricultural regions in West Virginia. The area has undergone a period of rapid suburbanization due to the proximity to Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia's two largest cities.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ELEANOR, WV

Homesteaders paid between \$8 and \$15 a month rent for their 1 acre home!

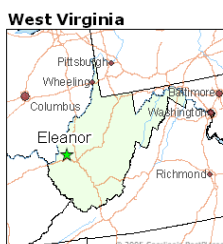
Originally names Red House Farms, the name was changed in 1935 to Eleanor in honor of the First Lady, who had taken quite an interest in the homestead.

The town got its name from the Red House in the center of the town, later to become the town hall. Several folklore stories are associated with the property, including the existence of a tunnel used in the Underground Railroad!



## ELEANOR AT A GLANCE:

- Unemployment Rate: 8.4%
- Population (2009): 1,537 people
- Land area: 0.84 square miles
- Elevation: 574 ft.
- Median Household Income: \$34,179



## CLOSEST AIRPORT

Yeager Airport  
100 Airport Road  
Charleston, WV 25311  
(304) 344-8033

## HOW FAR AWAY IS ELEANOR FROM...?

Pittsburgh, PA .....	235 miles
Washington DC .....	358 miles
Chicago, IL .....	460 miles
St. Louis, MO.....	494 miles
Atlanta, GA .....	522 miles
Reach Headquarters in Galeton, CO .....	1,361 miles

## WEB PAGE INFORMATION

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Eleanor-West-Virginia.html>  
<http://eleanorwv.com/history.html>

## HOTELS:

Holiday Inn Express Winfield ..... (304) 757-7177  
4218 Wv-34  
Hurricane, WV

Days Inn-Teays Valley ..... (304) 729-3006  
Putnam Village Drive  
Hurricane, WV

