



Finding Aid for

CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S LAND ARMY SCRAPBOOK, circa 1943

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001.48.36

CREATOR: Unknown

TITLE: Connecticut Women's Land Army Scrapbook

INCLUSIVE DATES: circa 1943

QUANTITY: 0.31 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The Connecticut Women's Land Army Scrapbook, circa 1943, contains one scrapbook with photographic prints, applications, newspaper clippings, notes, and pamphlets about the group's work to provide women workers to farms during World War II.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
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- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related collections beyond The Henry Ford:
-Oral history interview with Edna F. Dickey, 1981, Maine Folklife Center, Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History,
<https://ursus.maine.edu/search~S1?/Xedna+dickey&searchscope=1&SORT=DZ/Xedna+dickey&searchscope=1&SORT=DZ&extended=0&SUBKEY=edna+dickey/1%2C8%2C8%2CB/frameset&FF=Xedna+dickey&searchscope=1&SORT=DZ&1%2C1%2C>
-Martha H. Eddy Papers, 1937-1949, Collection Number 23-17-273, Cornell University Library,
<http://rnc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/xml/dlxs/RMA00273.xml>
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 2001.48.36, Connecticut Women's Land Army Scrapbook, circa 1943, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Women's Land Army of America was a worker assistance program that provided women workers to farms during World War I and World War II. Modeled after similar programs in Great Britain, the Women's Land Army of America trained and found work for millions of women during wartime. The Connecticut program recruited "farmerettes" to help with food production in the state, provided they were between 18 and 40 years old and passed a physical. In addition to supporting daily operations at farms, such as the picking of fruit and vegetables, the farmerettes drove tractors, operated corn planters, and milked cows. Courses were offered to continue the farmerettes' education in agricultural techniques and practices through the University of Connecticut.

Note content adapted from the following source:

-["A New Source of Farm Labor Crops Up in Wartime,"](https://connecticuthistory.org/a-new-source-of-farm-labor-crops-up-in-wartime/) accessed on 21 March 2017 at <https://connecticuthistory.org/a-new-source-of-farm-labor-crops-up-in-wartime/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Connecticut Women's Land Army Scrapbook, circa 1943 (0.31 cubic ft.) consists of one deconstructed scrapbook depicting the women's farm workers group. Photographic prints, application forms, newspaper clippings, a map, a newsletter, course information, handwritten notes, and pamphlets are included in this collection. Individual pages with content have been removed from the scrapbook, and remain in their original order. The original cover, binding, and unused scrapbook pages have been included in the first folder as well.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Women's Land Army of America

Subjects
Agricultural laborers
Agriculture
Dairy farming
Education
Tractors
Women employees
World War, 1939-1945

Geographic
United States, Connecticut

Genre and Form

Clippings (information artifacts)

Maps

Newsletters

Pamphlets

Photographic prints

Scrapbooks

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

- Scrapbook cover and unused pages, entitled "Connecticut Women's Land Army"
"Conn. W.L.A. members help milk production" (includes black-and-white photographic print)
- Training Course (2 folders; Learning to handle a tractor)
- Blank application for Agricultural Short Course for Women, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
- Training Course Program (Agricultural Extension Service, University of Connecticut, Emergency Farm Labor Program)
- Pamphlet, "Join the Women's Land Army of America"
- Connecticut state map, 1943 (notations made for placements after training and crop camps for strawberries, vegetables, and apples)
- Connecticut WLA News Bulletin, 15 December 1943 (2 pages)
- Information on crop camps and tobacco camps (3 pages)
- "College girls needed to help supervise these young recruits, Vegetable Camp, Southington, Conn, 1943" (includes 2 black-and-white photographic prints)
- Blank application for Camp Recruits, Connecticut Women's Land Army
- "Typical information sheet for Camps, 1943" (information for Strawberry Pickers Camp in Bolton, Connecticut)
- Newspaper clipping, "Girls in Land Army Find Joy in Work," *The Hartford Times*, 3 February 1944
- "You Can Do This or This" (includes 2 black-and-white photographic prints)
- Pamphlet, "Uniform optional"
- "General Information—Short Courses—Camps"