Clinton African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the first black institution in Great Barrington, is the oldest building in Berkshire County in continual use by an African American organization. The Church has kept its faith while being a leader in the struggle for equality and justice. Ignited by the leadership of the late Rev. Esther Dozier, the Church continues to actively promote the legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois and Berkshire's African American heritage. It is a site on the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Friends of the Du Bois Homesite comprise a community-based organization that supports the restoration, maintenance, stewardship and awareness of the W. E. B. Du Bois Boyhood Homesite as a public memorial to the Great Barrington native who became a leading scholar and activist in the civil rights movement in the United States and around the world.

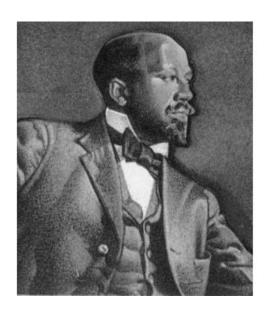
The W. E. B. Du Bois Boyhood Homesite in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is a National Historic Landmark owned and maintained by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Friends of the Du Bois Homesite work within guidelines established by the university and serve as the university's stewards of the homesite.

<u>www.DuBoisHomesite.org</u> <u>info@DuBoisHomesite.org</u>

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Sunday, October 18, 2009 2:00 P.M.

Clinton African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Rev. Louise Williamson, Pastor Great Barrington, Massachusetts

WELCOME

Rev. Louise Williamson
Pastor, Clinton African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
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Trustee, Clinton African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

VOCAL SELECTION

MaryNell Morgan, Vocalist

REMARKS AND RECOLLECTIONS

Mrs. Elaine S. Gunn, Friends of the Du Bois Homesite Dr. Edmund Gordon, Du Bois Memorial Foundation

FREE WILL OFFERING

The Gospel Choir Price Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Pittsfield, Massachusetts

W.E.B. DU BOIS HOMESITE AND GREAT BARRINGTON

The Du Bois Center at UMass Amherst Libraries Jay Schafer, Director of Libraries, UMass Amherst Libraries

A Plan for Heritage Conservation and Interpretation Michael Singer, Artist, Designer, Michael Singer Studio

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