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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPENING OF THE W. E. B. DUBOIS PAPERS

The official dedication ceremonies marking the opening of the W. E. B. DuBois papers to scholars will be held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on September 19 and 20, 1980. University officials, Chancellor Randolph Bromery and Michael Thelwell of the W. E. B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies began negotiations to receive the papers from Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois and reached an agreement in 1973. During that year, the bulk of the papers (approximately 150,000 items) were transferred to the University. In 1979, a smaller, but significant number of items were transferred from Egypt. After six years of arduous work by the library staff, the papers have been made available on microfilm. The opening of the DuBois Papers at the University of Massachusetts, along with those available from other repositories, will provide researchers with the opportunity for a complete re-examination of the historic and continuing significance of DuBois in the American and international spheres.