Archaeology and Social (In)justice at the W.E.B. Du Bois Boyhood Homesite in Great Barrington, MA

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Abstract: The Boyhood Homesite of W.E.B. Du Bois, a National Landmark in Great Barrington, MA, commemorates the life and accomplishments of one of the most important American intellectuals and social activists of the 20th century. Despite his prominence, Du Bois’s Homesite today is barely discernable on the national historical landscape. The Homesite has a history of commemorative efforts, most recently as a contested landscape with those seeking to assure Du Bois’s place in the national memory ying with those seeking to erase it. The various heritage efforts at the Homesite are considered from the perspective of historical archaeological research that has contributed to the efforts to bring Du Bois and his legacy into wider regional, national, and international recognition.