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UA3/2/4 Acceptance

Paul Garrett
It has been my happy privilege to have a part in bringing to realization a great dream of the Founder of Western. Dreamers pass; but dreams live on, and all are fortunate who have a part in their fulfillment.

In years to come boys and girls will here gain an understanding of other days and an interest in further study about Kentucky; men and women from all vocations and stations of life will come and live for a while in the past to return to their present with greater understanding and broader sympathy; scholars will find here materials for research and bless the care which has preserved them from destruction. And all I hope will realize that this portion of their heritage has been preserved from destruction for their enjoyment because of a dream. We are gathered today to honor the dreamer, but surely there is enough of honor here for all who have had or shall have in the future any part in this great project.

On behalf of the Board of Regents I do hereby accept this building for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be maintained and used as a part of the property of Western Kentucky State Teachers College to the end that it may permanently serve as a place for the accumulation and preservation of materials which shall quicken interest in Kentucky's past, broaden knowledge of Kentucky's history, and increase devotion to Kentucky on the part of those who come.