



Lecture 6: Beyond the Narrative.

NARRATIVE OF THE LIFE OF FREDRICK DOUGLASS

WHAT HAPPENED LATER?

- ✗ In 1838, at the age of twenty, Douglass escaped from slavery. He married Anna Murray, a free black woman he had met in Baltimore, in New York City.
- ✗ Fearing capture as a fugitive slave, he spent several years in England and Ireland. Douglass returned in 1847, after English friends had purchased his freedom.



WHAT HAPPENED LATER?

- ✘ During the Civil War he helped organize two regiments of Massachusetts African Americans and urged other blacks to join the Union ranks.
- ✘ His sons served in the Union Army.



Charles Redman Douglass, son



Lewis H. Douglass, son



Frederick Douglass Jr., son



Rosetta Douglass, daughter

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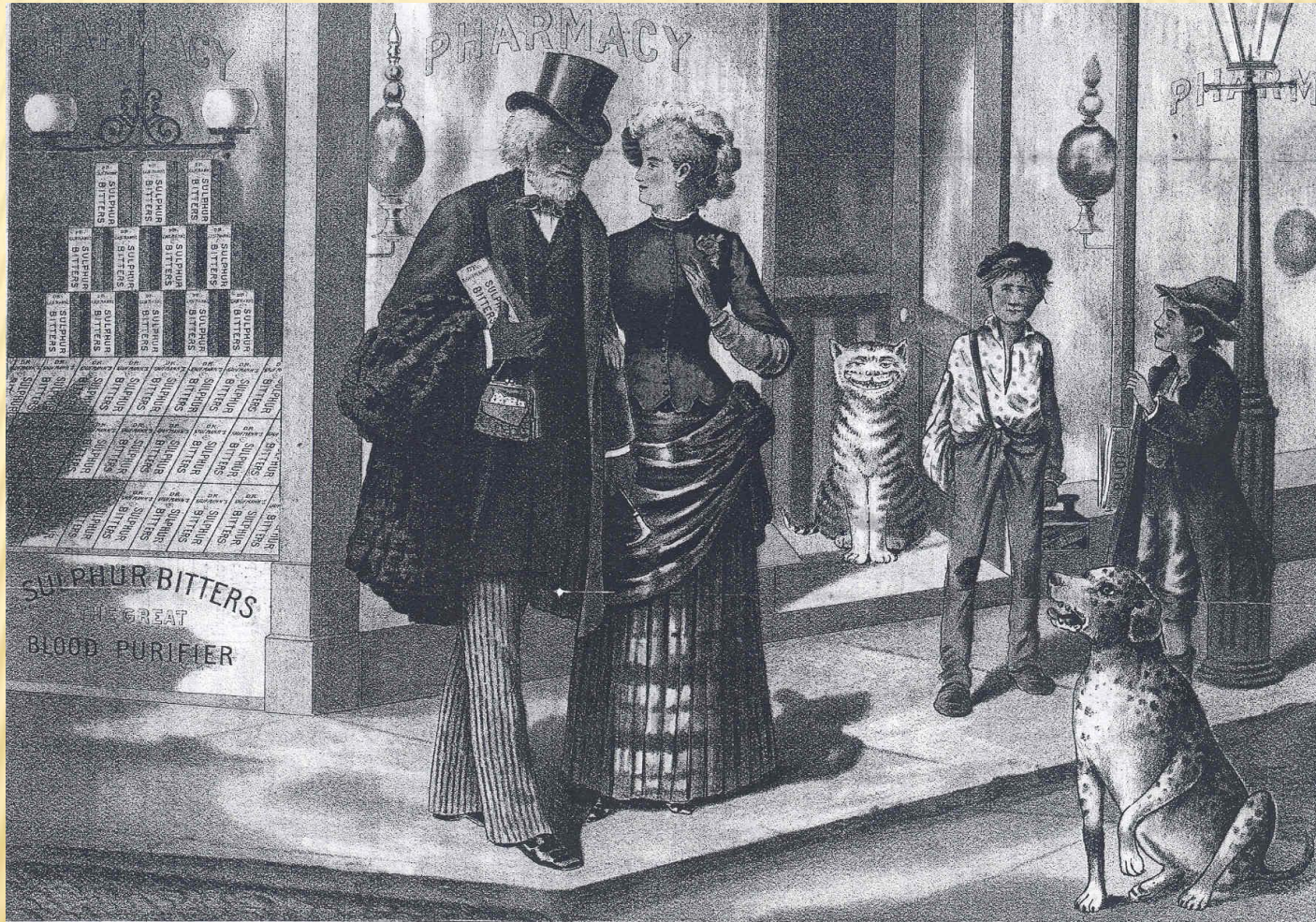
- ✘ After the Civil War, Douglass continued to fight for African-American civil rights and women's rights.
- ✘ He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1872, after a fire, suspected to be arson, destroyed his home in Rochester.
- ✘ At that time, Douglass became a public servant, serving as the secretary of the Santo Domingo Commission [1871], US marshal of the District of Columbia ([877–81], recorder of deeds for the same district [1881–86], and later, as minister to Haiti [1889–91].

WHAT HAPPENED LATER?

- ✖ In 1882, Anna Douglass passed away.
- ✖ Two years later, Douglass married Helen Pitts, a white woman. The marriage, performed in a private ceremony, sparked controversy



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NEWS BOY: HI, YI, DERE JIMMY WHOSE DEM FOLKSES WHATS GOT DE **SULPHUR BITTERS** ?

BOOT BLACK: I SPEC DATS FRED DOUGLAS AND HIS WIFE GOLLY HE IS GOING TO TAKE DE **SULPHUR BITTERS** FOR HIS COMPLEXION -

WHAT HAPPENED LATER?

- ✖ He died on February 20, 1895, at the age of seventy two, at his Cedar Hill in Anacostia, Washington, DC.
- ✖ Helen Pitts, his second wife, was instrumental in saving Mr. Douglass' belongings and Cedar Hill for future generations.



WHAT HAPPENED LATER?

- ✘ Douglass purchased the 9¾ acre estate in Anacostia for \$6,700 in 1877. He and his wife Anna broke a “whites only” covenant with the purchase.
- ✘ In 1878, he bought an additional 5¾ acres adjacent to the property.
- ✘ The site is one of highest points in Anacostia with a magnificent view of Washington, DC.
- ✘ Douglass and his family made many improvements to the house and expanded it in various stages. There were numerous orchards and outbuildings including a carriage house, stable, den, and a croquet field.



ASSIGNMENT 6: CHAPTER 11+

Chapter 11

1. For what two reasons does Frederick tell us that he cannot relate the means of his escape?
2. Why does he not approve of the underground railroad?
3. What does Master Hugh do to attempt to encourage Frederick to continue to earn money? What effect does his encouragement have?
4. What does Frederick ask of Master Thomas? What is he told?
5. What arrangement does Frederick eventually make with Master Hugh? Why is this arrangement to Master Hugh's advantage? Why does Frederick agree to it?
6. What does Master Hugh do when he discovers that Frederick has left town to find work?
7. Why does Frederick decide to work hard despite the dissolution of their agreement?
8. When and to where does Frederick run away?
9. Why does he feel so lonely?
10. Who helps Frederick in New York? How?
11. How is it possible for Frederick and Anna to marry? Why is their marriage such an important event?
12. Why does Mr. Ruggles suggest that Frederick not stay in New York and go to New Bedford, Massachusetts?
13. Who helps Frederick and Anna in New Bedford? What does he do for them?
14. Why did Frederick change his name so many times? Who chooses Douglass? Why?
15. What had Douglass believed about life in the North? Was he correct? What does he find about life in the North?
16. How were the wharves in New Bedford different from those in Baltimore?
17. What conditions did he find for "colored people"?
18. What does Douglass discover about prejudice against color in New Bedford?
19. How does Douglass make a living when he can't find work as a caulker?
20. How does Douglass become known to the "anti-slavery world"?
21. Why is Douglass at first reluctant to speak out against slavery?
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