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The life of Frederick Douglass



Who was Frederick
Douglass?

Frederick Douglass was an abolitionist leader who was born into slavery and fought for women's rights. In Fredericks, lifetime he became one of the most famous intellectuals of his time. He would advise presidents and lecture to thousands of ranges of causes. Like, women's rights and Irish home rule. Not only did he do this he wrote several autobiographies talking about his experiences in slavery and his life after the Civil War.



What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?
I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all
other days in the year, the gross injustice and
cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To
him, your celebration is a sham.

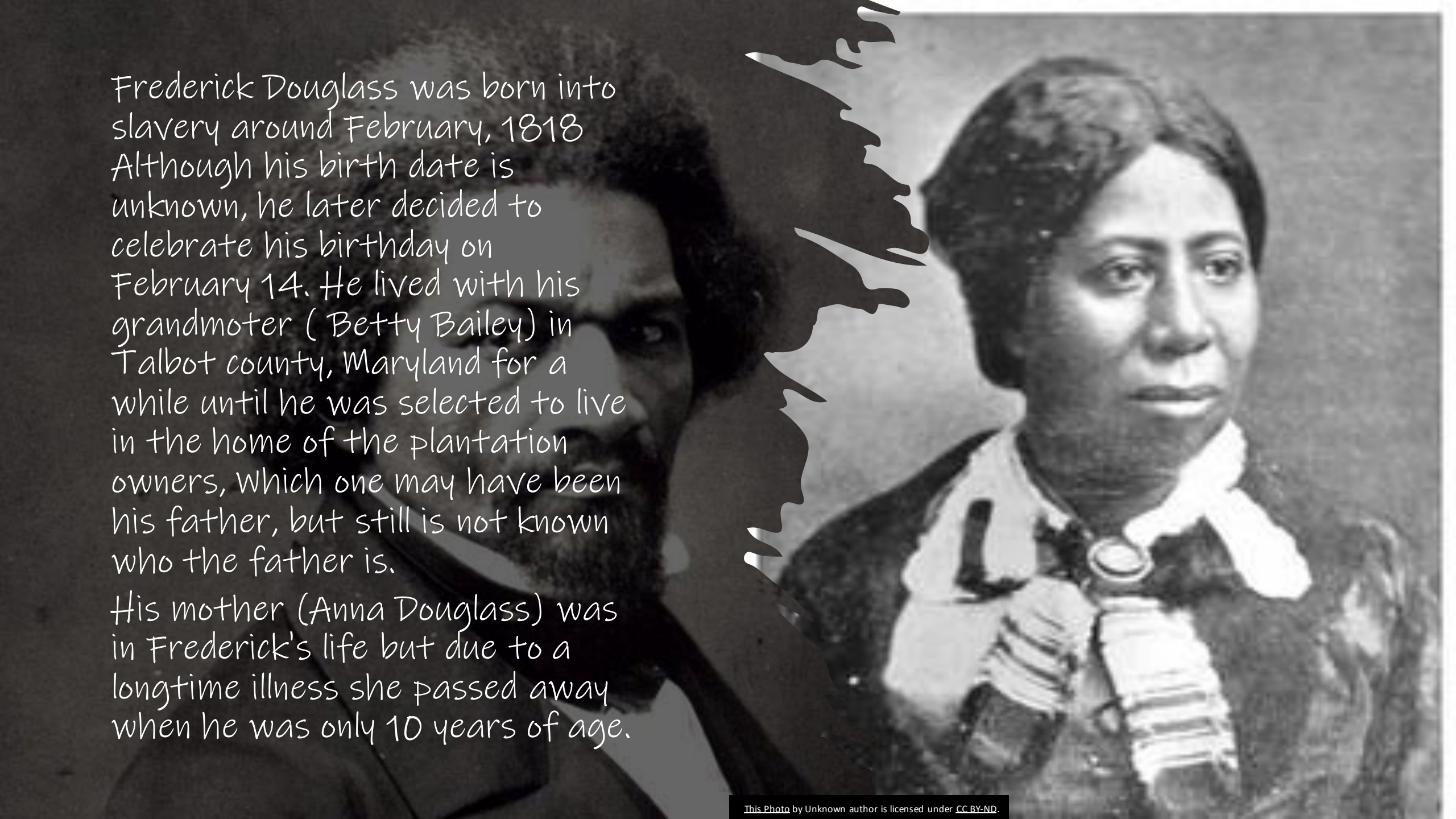
(Frederick Douglass)

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Early life

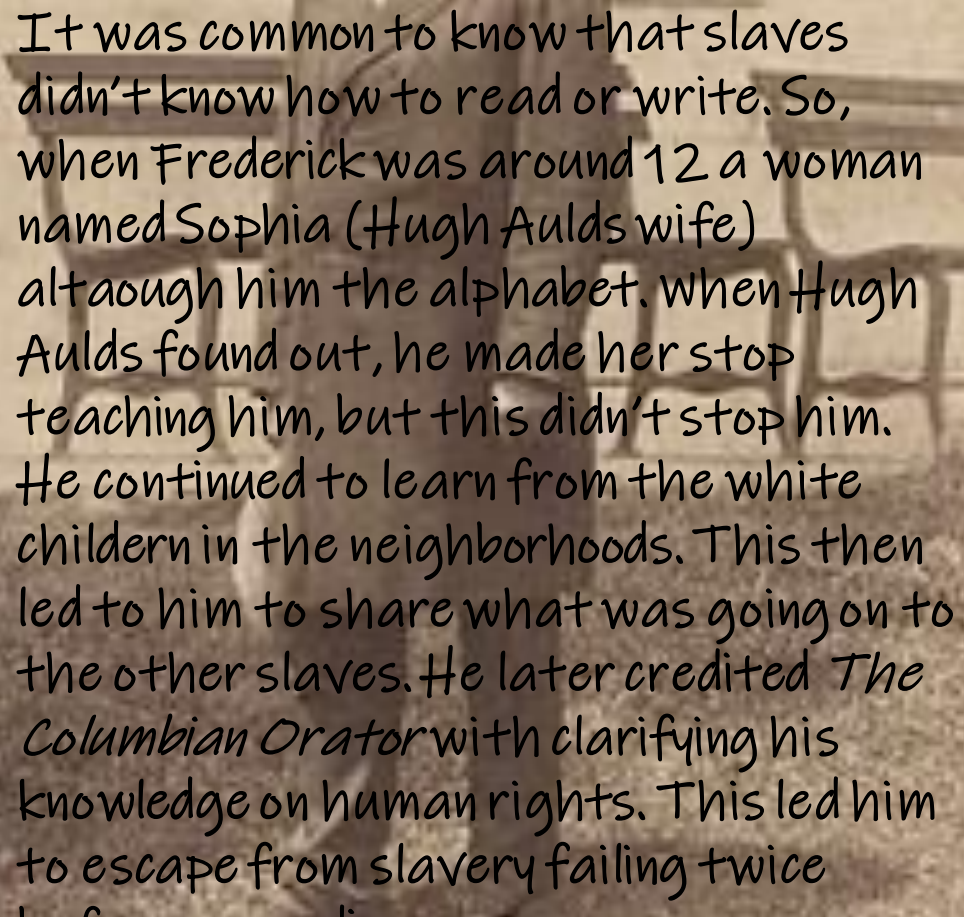


Frederick Douglass was born into slavery around February, 1818. Although his birth date is unknown, he later decided to celebrate his birthday on February 14. He lived with his grandmother (Betty Bailey) in Talbot county, Maryland for a while until he was selected to live in the home of the plantation owners, which one may have been his father, but still is not known who the father is.

His mother (Anna Douglass) was in Frederick's life but due to a longtime illness she passed away when he was only 10 years of age.



Learning to read and write



It was common to know that slaves didn't know how to read or write. So, when Frederick was around 12 a woman named Sophia (Hugh Aulds wife) taught him the alphabet. When Hugh Aulds found out, he made her stop teaching him, but this didn't stop him. He continued to learn from the white children in the neighborhoods. This then led to him to share what was going on to the other slaves. He later credited *The Columbian Orator* with clarifying his knowledge on human rights. This led him to escape from slavery failing twice before succeeding.

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Former Home of Frederick Douglass,
Anacostia near Washington, D. C.



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Wife and children

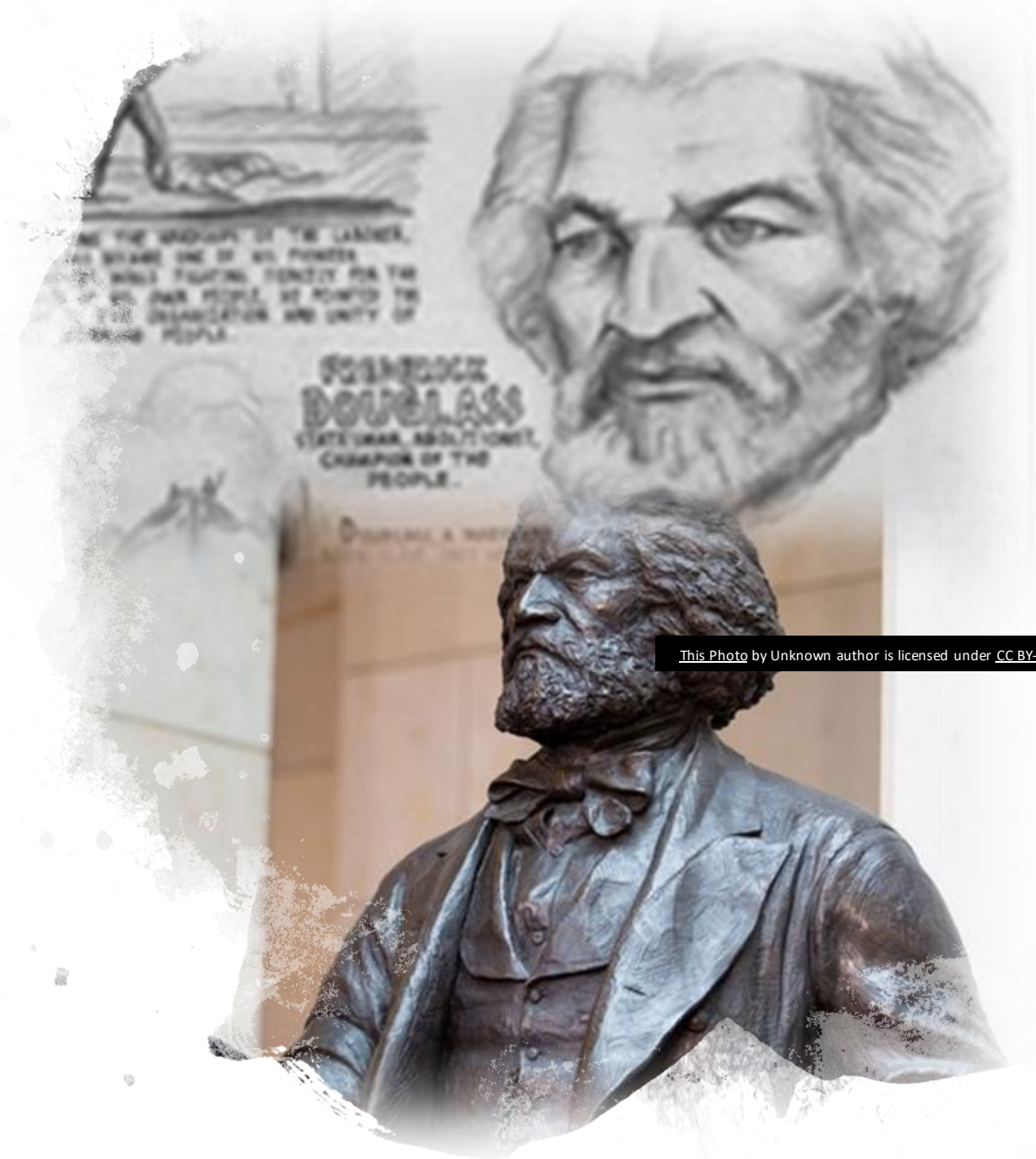


On September 15, 1838, Frederick had fallen in love with Anna Murffay after she helped him escape from slavery. Later he got her to meet him in New York at a safe house, where they got married and adopted the name Johnson to disguise the name Douglass. Once they settled in New Bedford, Massachusetts they then adopted the name Douglass as their married name. Douglass and Anna had five children, Rosetta, Lewis Henry, Frederick Jr, Charles, Redmond and Annie who passed away at age 10.

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So, what exactly
did Frederick do?

- Frederick completed many task, from publishing a newspaper called the North Star to helping with women's rights. The North Star's memo was " Right is of no sex~ Truth is of no color ~God is the Father of us all, We are all brethren." You see, he believed that women should be able to vote just like men get to. This caused major conflicts with women's rights activists because he supported the 15th amendment, which is banning suffrage discrimination that was based on race while upholding sex-based restrictions.



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His final moments

Frederick took his last breath on February 20, 1895. Caused by a heart attack or a stroke coming home from a meeting with the National Council of Women in Washington D.C. He was laid to rest in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester New York.

