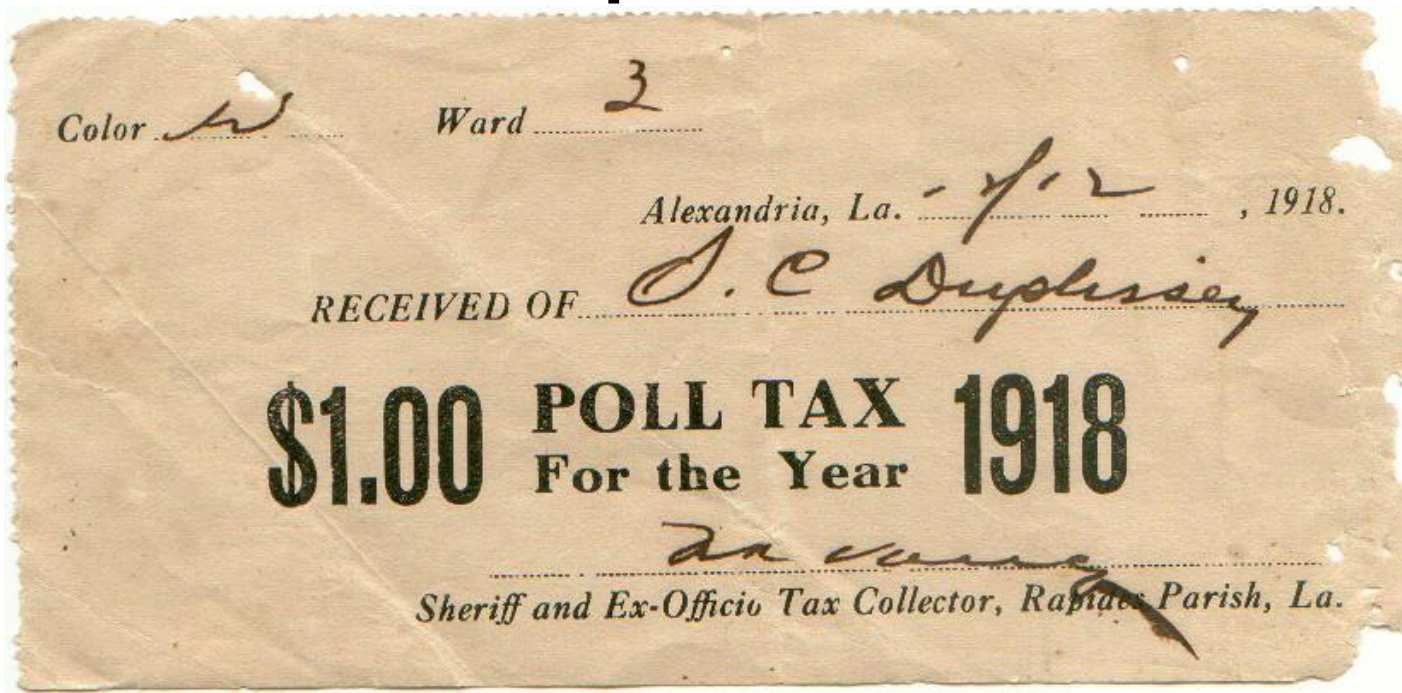


# **Segregation & Discrimination**

# Voting Restrictions

- Some states required literacy tests to vote
- **Poll tax** = annual tax that had to be paid to vote
- **Grandfather clause** = (in some Southern states) if a man's father or grandfather had voted before Jan. 1, 1867—then he could vote (w/o taking literacy tests)
  - To ensure illiterate and poor whites could vote



# Jim Crow Laws

- **Racial segregation laws** passed in some **Southern states**
  - **Separating white and black people in public & private facilities**
  - **In schools, hospitals, parks, transportation,...**



MR. T. RICH  
OR  
THE ORIGINAL JIM CROW

New York Pub. by E. RILEY, N° 29, Chatham St.

- **Minstrel show = comic skits, variety acts, dancing, and music, performed by white people in blackface**
- **Minstrel shows personified black people as dim-witted, lazy, buffoonish, superstitious, happy-go-lucky and musical.**
- **Jim Crow was a character from a show's song**



**Leland, Miss., in 1939**

# REX THEATRE FOR COLORED PEOPLE



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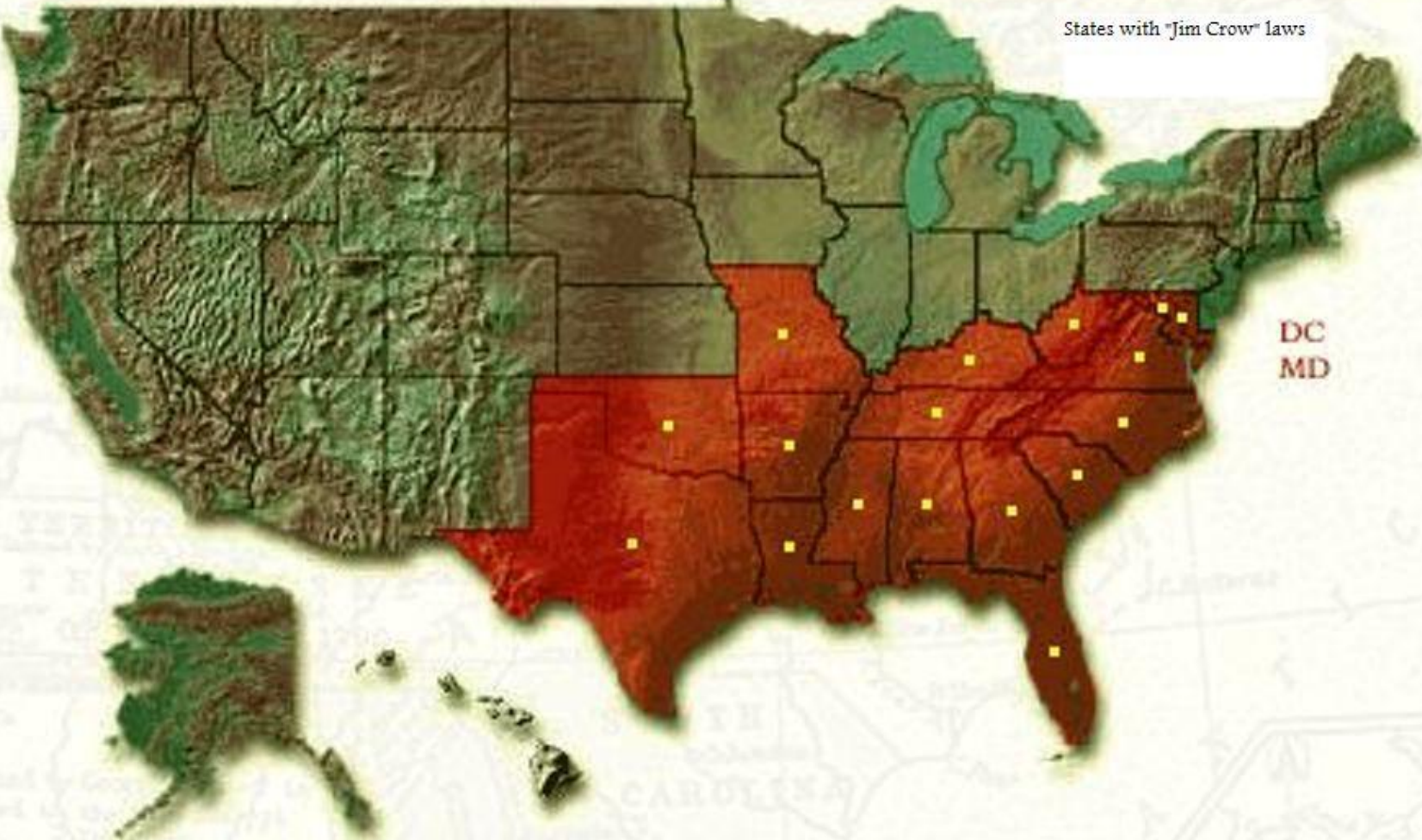
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States with "Jim Crow" laws



DC  
MD



# REST ROOMS

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# 'Jim Crow must go!'

*Henry A. Wallace.*



Jim Crow blights the lives  
of Negro and white Americans  
alike. For prejudice corrupts

# Plessy v. Ferguson

- **1896—Supreme Court ruled that separation of races in public was legal**
- **“Separate but equal” didn’t violate 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

IN THE  
Supreme Court of the United States  
OCTOBER TERM, 1895.

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*No. 210.*

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H. A. PLESSY, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR,

vs.

J. H. FERGUSON, JUDGE, &c.



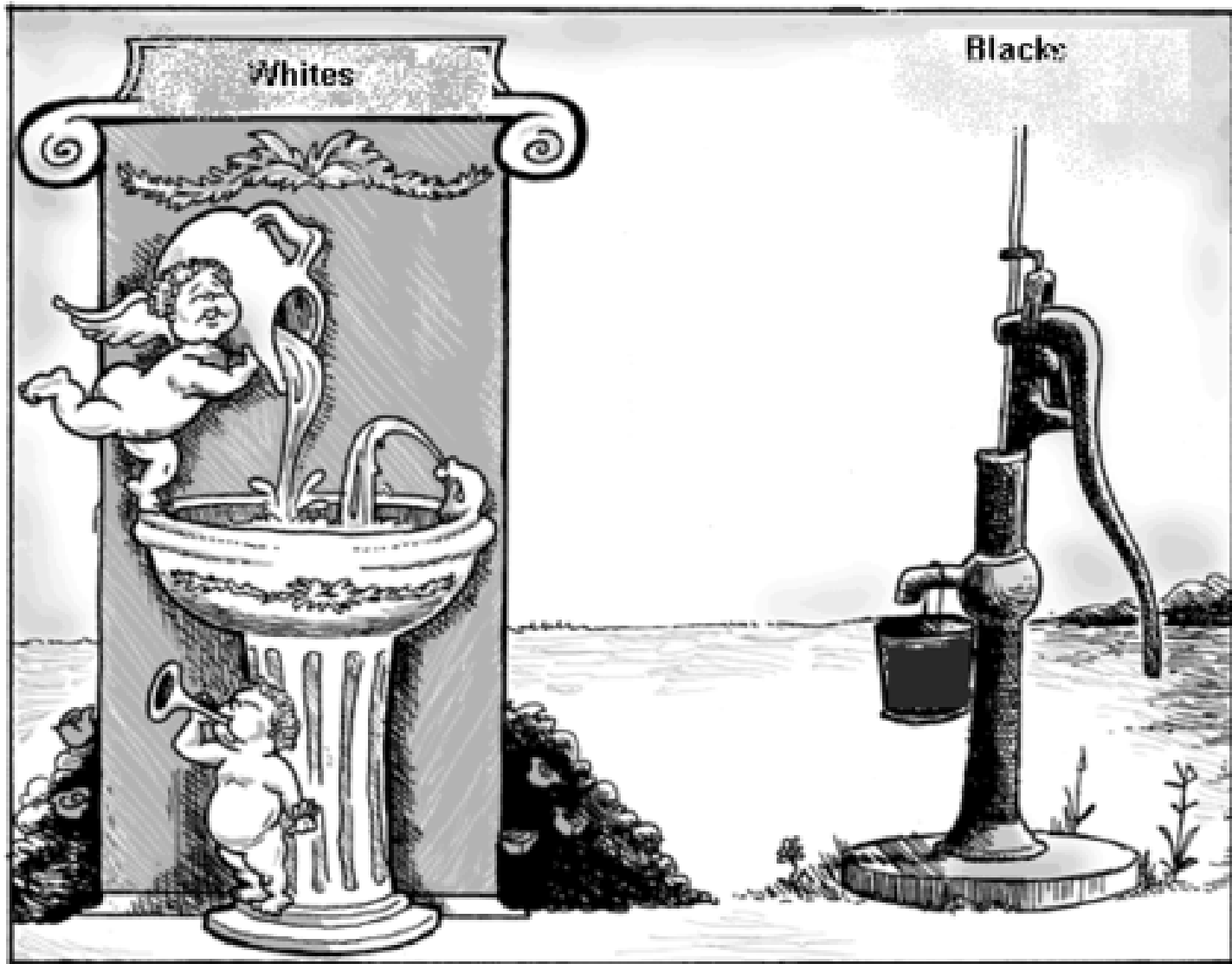


# Background on the Case

- **1890—Louisiana—Separate Car Act**
  - Railroads companies must **provide separate, but equal train cars for blacks & whites**
  - Broke law = pay \$25 or jail for 20 days
- **1892—Homer Plessy (chosen b/c he was  $\frac{1}{8}$  black) sat in white section of train**
  - Rail company knew he was coming—had him arrested



# PLESSY VS. FERGUSON



**SEPARATE  
BUT NOT EQUAL**

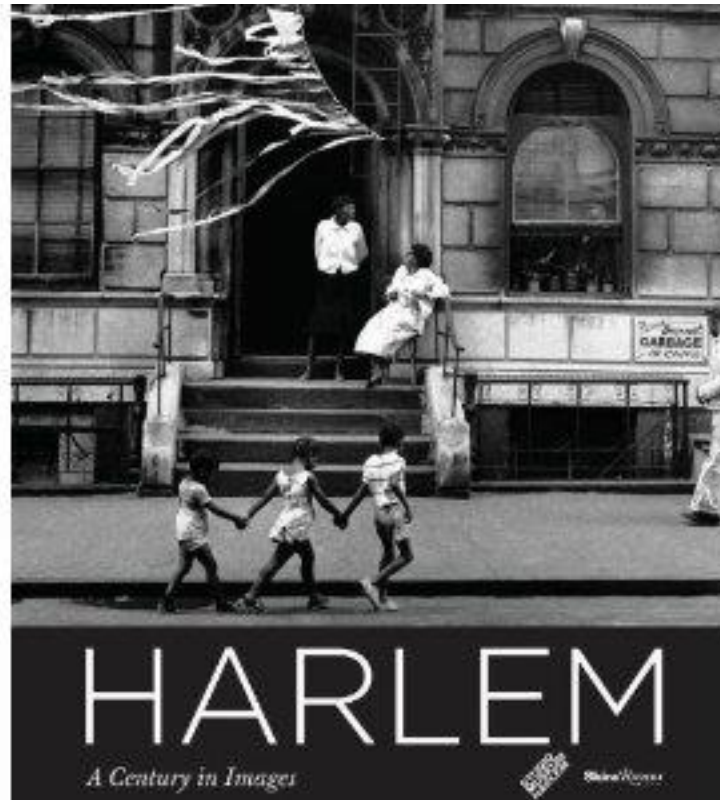
# Social Discrimination

- **Etiquette:**
  - Blacks & whites never shook hands b/c that implied equality
  - Blacks had to yield to whites on the sidewalk
- **Results if not followed:**
  - Lynched, shot, burned



# Discrimination in the North

- **Many African-Americans moved to Northern cities**
- **Forced into **segregated neighborhoods****
  - **Ex. Harlem (NYC)**



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**HARLAM**

Morningside Heights

**EAST HARLAM**

**UPPER WEST SIDE**

**CENTRAL PARK**

**UPPER EAST SIDE**

Roosevelt Island

Theater District

**EAST MIDTOWN WEST**

Garment District

**GREENWICH**

West Village

East Village

SOHO

Little Italy

**LOWER EAST SIDE**

TriBeCa

Chinatown

**LOWER MANHATTAN**

Ellis Island

Statue of Liberty

Brooklyn



Rise of Jim Crow