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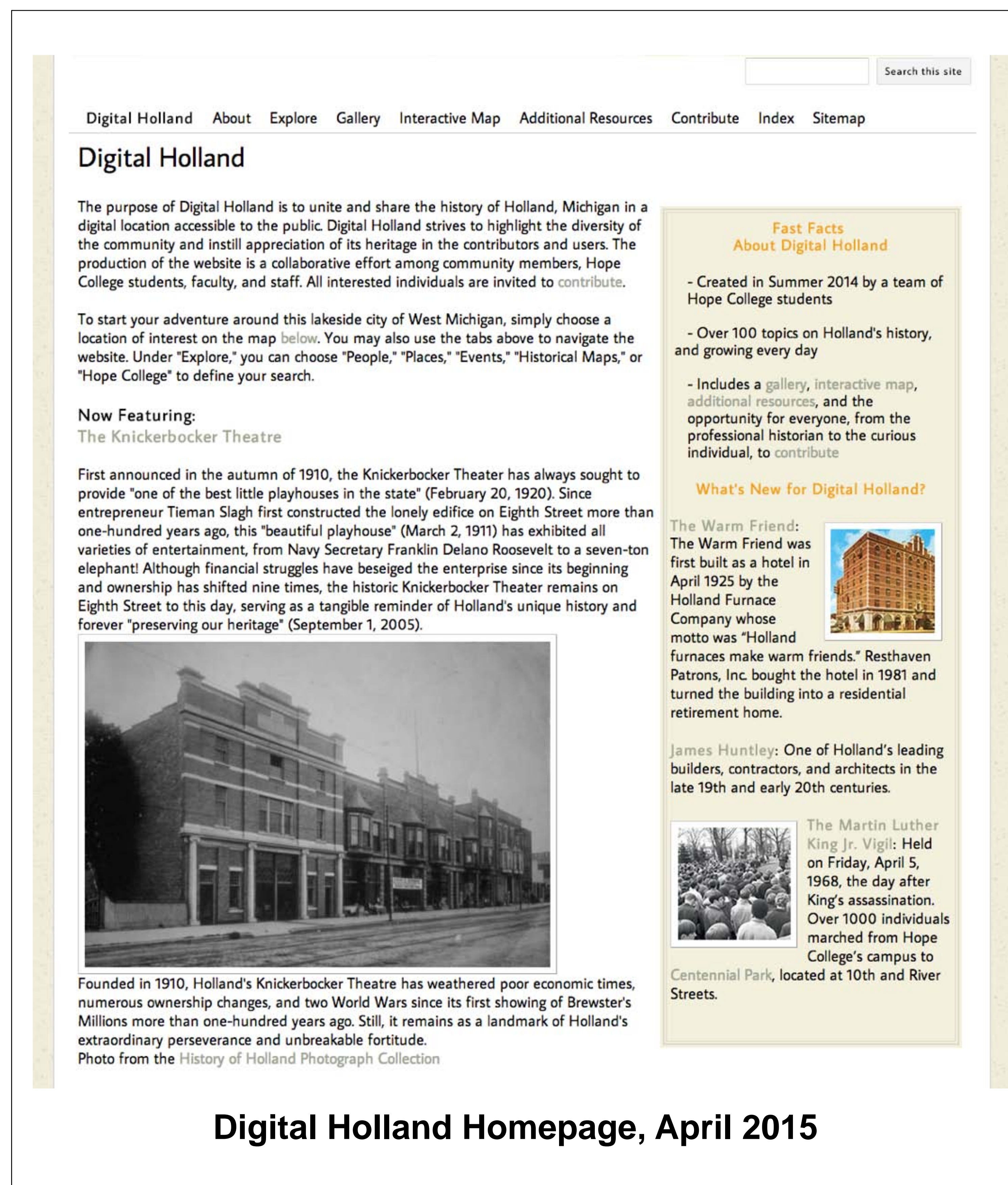
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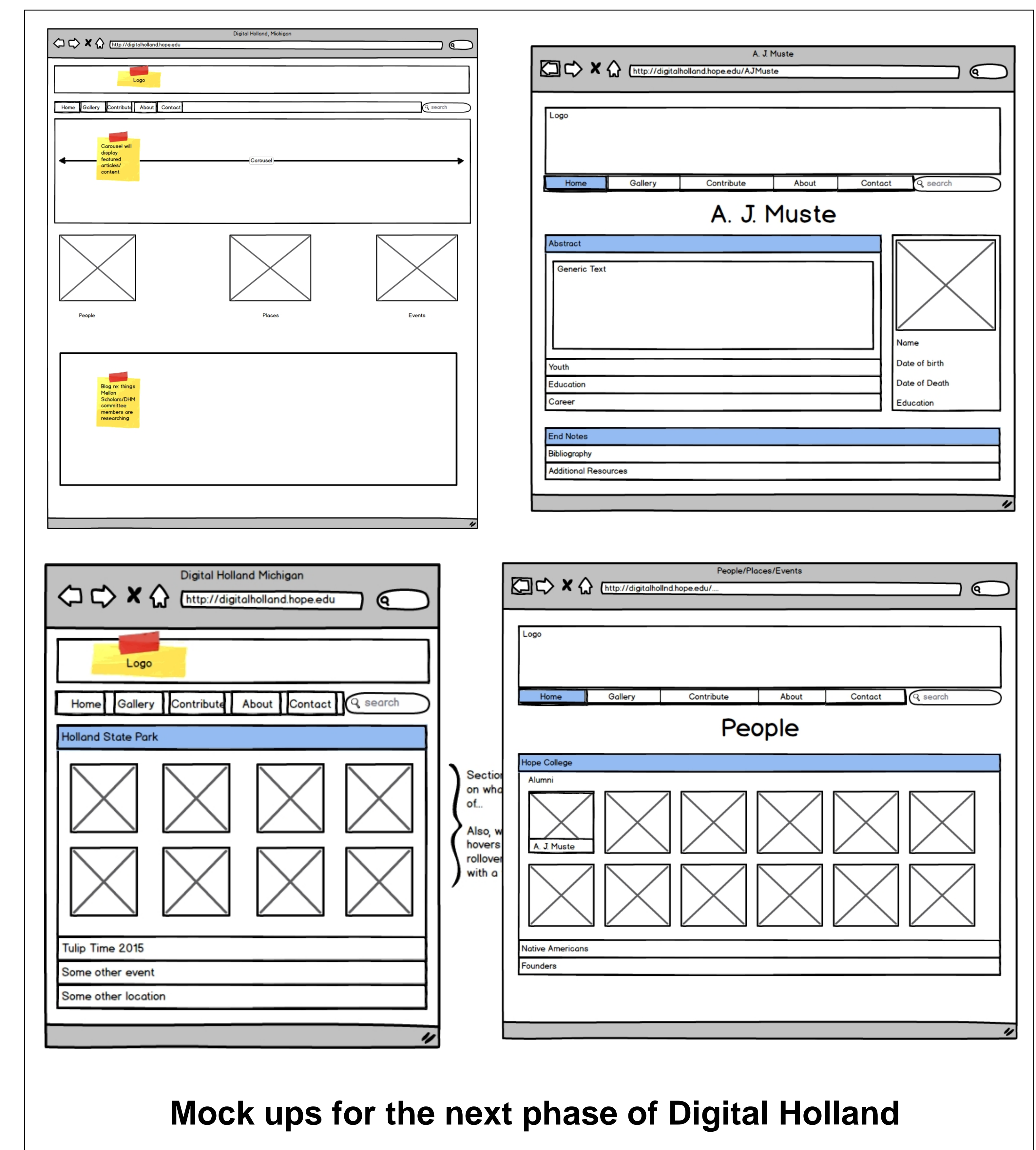
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Abstract
Inspired by the American Guide Series of the Federal Writers Project, Digital Holland, Michigan, is a publicly accessible website that hosts research about the communities that include and surround Hope College. The website was developed by students in the college's Mellon Scholars Program, a three-year curriculum of digitally-enabled collaborative research and experiential education funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. After the first two months of research and development, the website has an interactive map and more than 100 pages on topics such as people, places, and events. The site also hosts relevant artifacts including images, audio, and video files shared with permission by the Joint Archives of Holland and the Holland Museum. With the support of faculty and staff mentors, the student developers made connections on campus and in the community with the goal of augmenting and developing the site through crowdsourcing. Through a partnership with the Great Lakes Colleges Association's "Expanding Collaboration" initiative, Digital Holland is expected to become a pilot for a constellation of projects across 13 institutions—Digital Great Lakes—that will explore local culture, support collaborative research, and engage the communities of the region.



Mock ups for the next phase of Digital Holland