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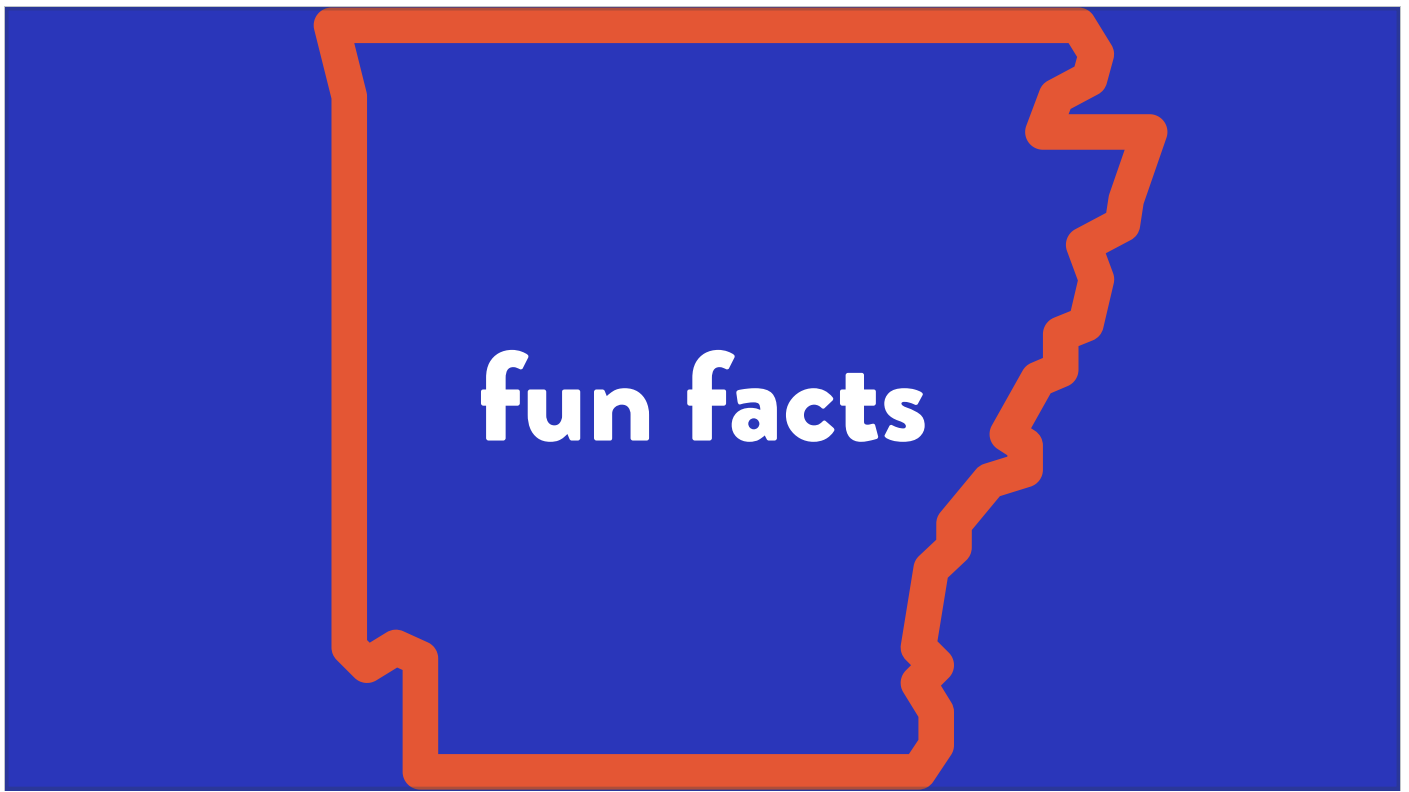
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What is the CALS EOA?

CALS is the Central Arkansas Library System

EOA stands for
Encyclopedia of Arkansas

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The EOA went live in 2006 with approximately 700 entries and 900 pieces of media. Today the EOA has more than 7,000 entries and more than 14,000 pieces of media and is still growing!

1,664 authors have contributed thus far. Some authors write only 1 entry, while others have contributed over 300!

The EOA has surpassed arkansas.com as the number-one search result for many Arkansas-related inquiries.



The EOA receives hundreds of thousands of visits from all over the world every month. In 2022, for example, the EOA had 2,042,126 sessions, 1,689,041 users, and 3,274,241 page views.

Top 15 visitors to the EOA after the US include: Canada, the United Kingdom, China, Australia, Russia, Germany, India, the Philippines, France, New Zealand, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Nigeria, and Brazil.



Top 15 most viewed entries for 2022 were:

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Jasmine Jobe
Editorial Assistant



Michael “Sterno” Keckhaver handles photography and all media-related tasks.

Guy Lancaster handles initial editing, compiling queries, and database updates.

Ali Welky handles final editing and proofreading as well as the EOA Facebook page.

Mike Polston handles reviewing and fact checking.

Jasmine Jobe handles correspondence and uploading.



The EOA has everything you could ever need or want to research in Arkansas history:

The Louisiana Purchase, the Civil War and Reconstruction, steamboats, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Operation Desert Storm.

Legislature, politicians, judges, court cases, hospitals, doctors, religions and denominations, cultural groups, media, newspapers, radio stations, television stations.

Racial violence, slavery, lynchings, Jim Crow laws, the civil rights movement of the 20th Century, historic preservation.

The official state motto, nicknames, songs, instrument, mammal, insect, tree, flower, grain, rock, mineral, soil, AND MORE.



We may be the top source on Arkansas history, but we also keep up with other subjects:

Science, Geography, Environment, Climate, Natural Disasters

Music, Movies, Books, Arts, Culture

Festivals, State Parks, Restaurants, Museums, Schools, Cities, Towns

Famous people with Arkansas connections, historic and current



We work hard to keep all entries up to date, and we also keep up with current topics.

We have entries on:

- Tornado Outbreak of 2023
- Flood of 2019
- COVID-19
- Black Lives Matter
- The reorganization of state government agencies
- Abortion
- LGBTQ+
- And many more



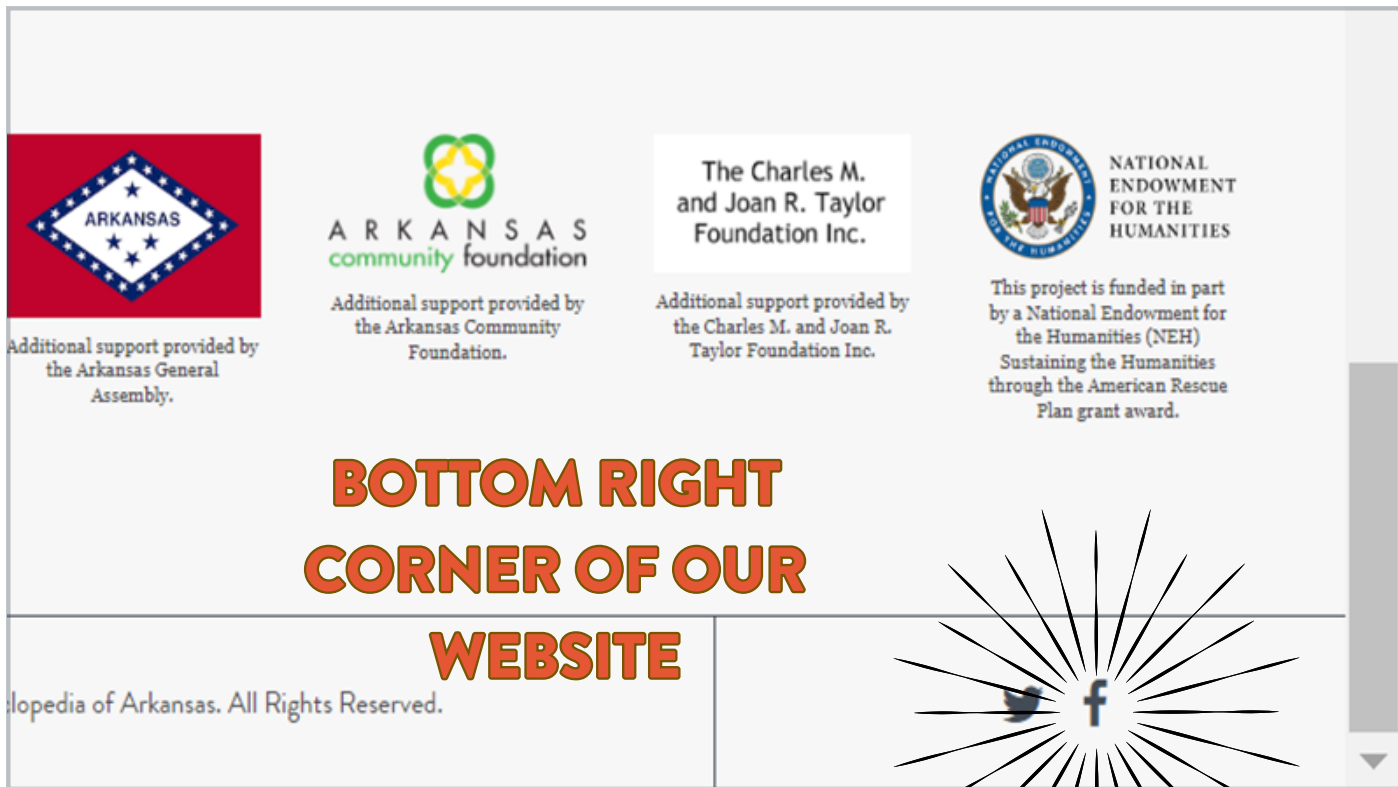
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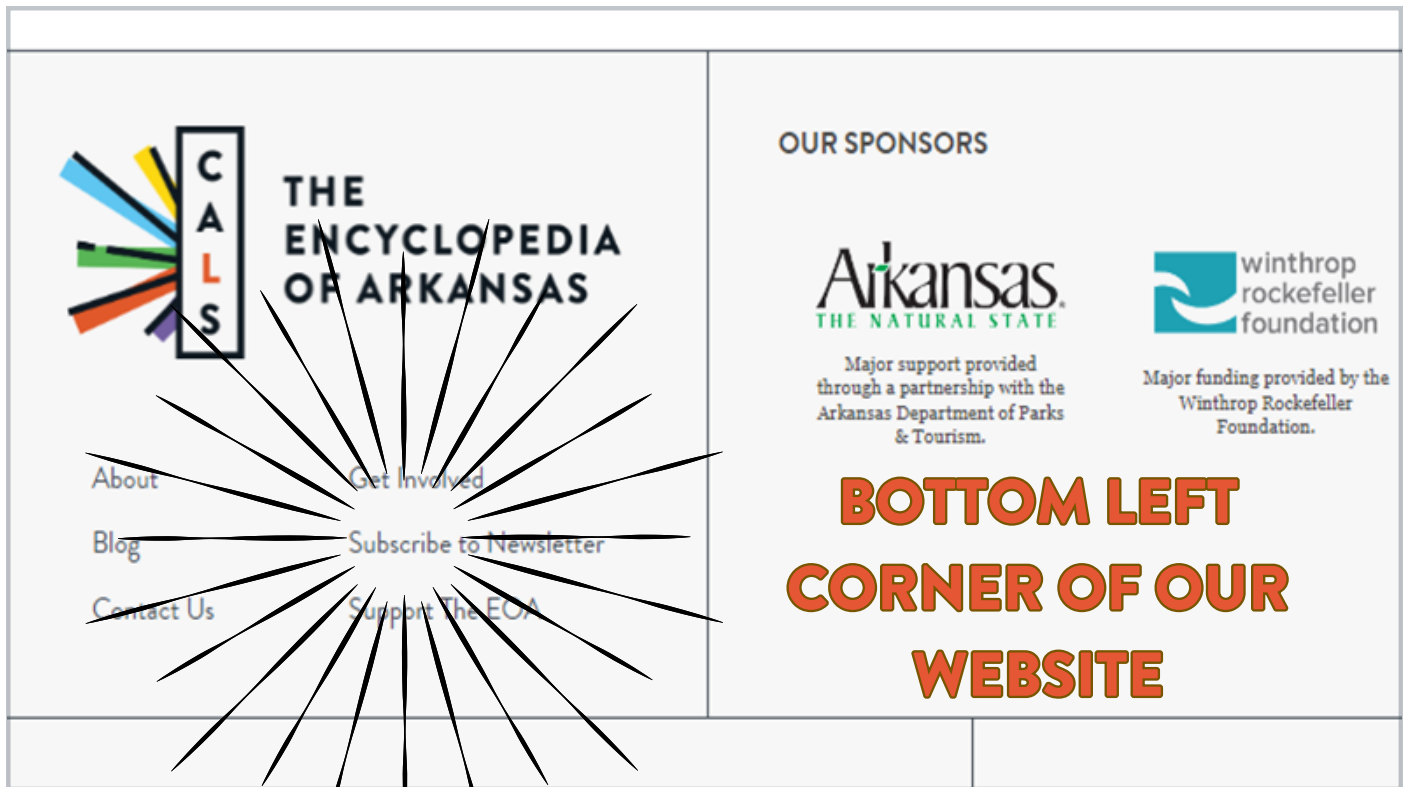
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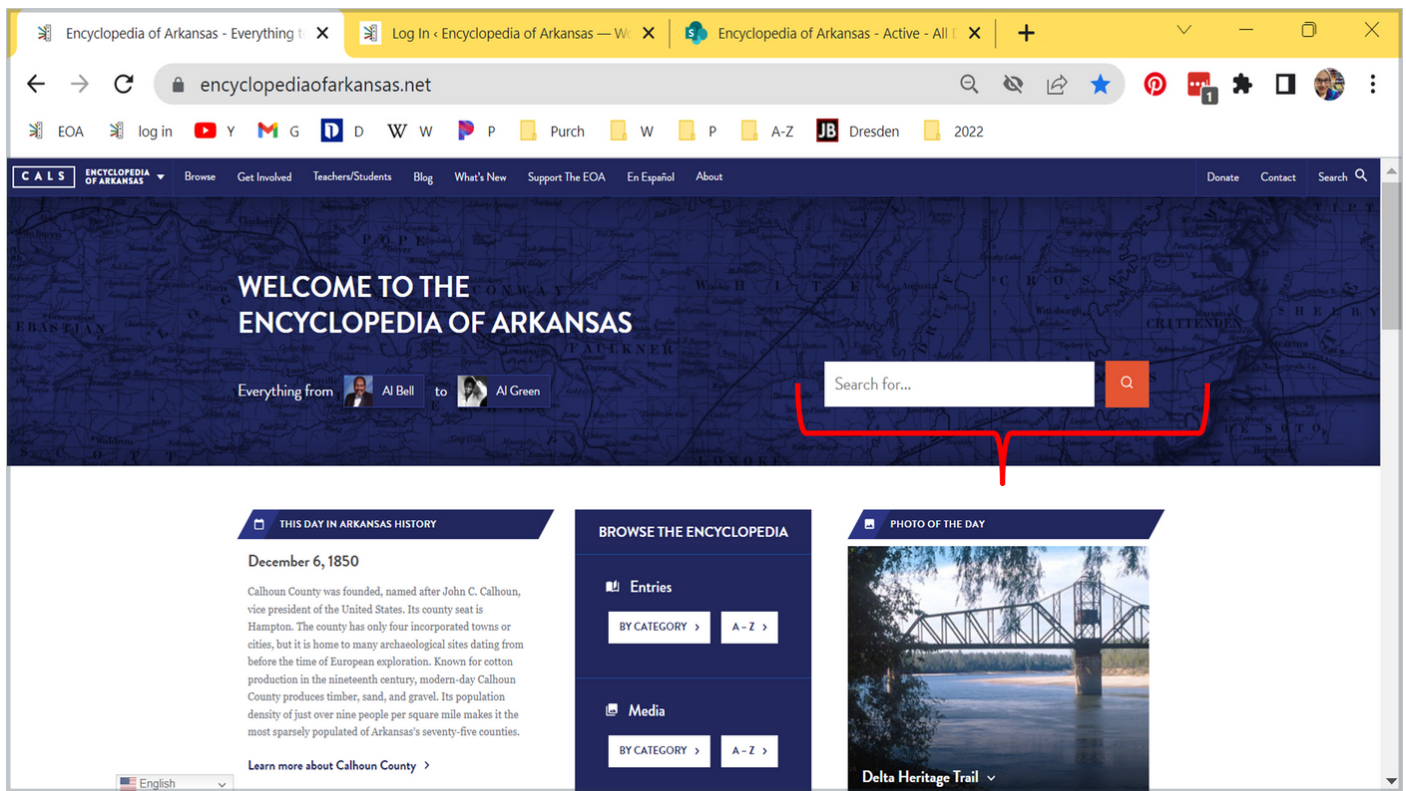
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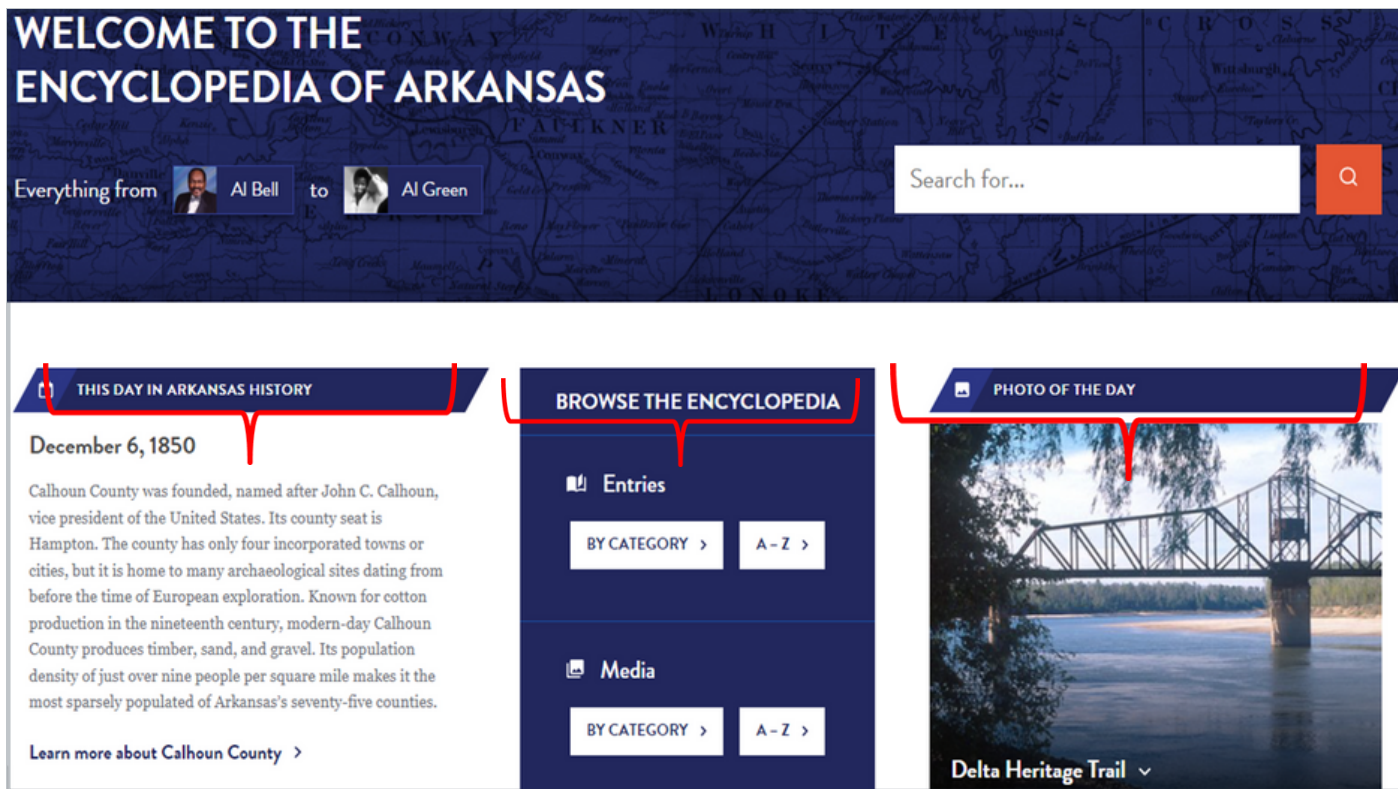
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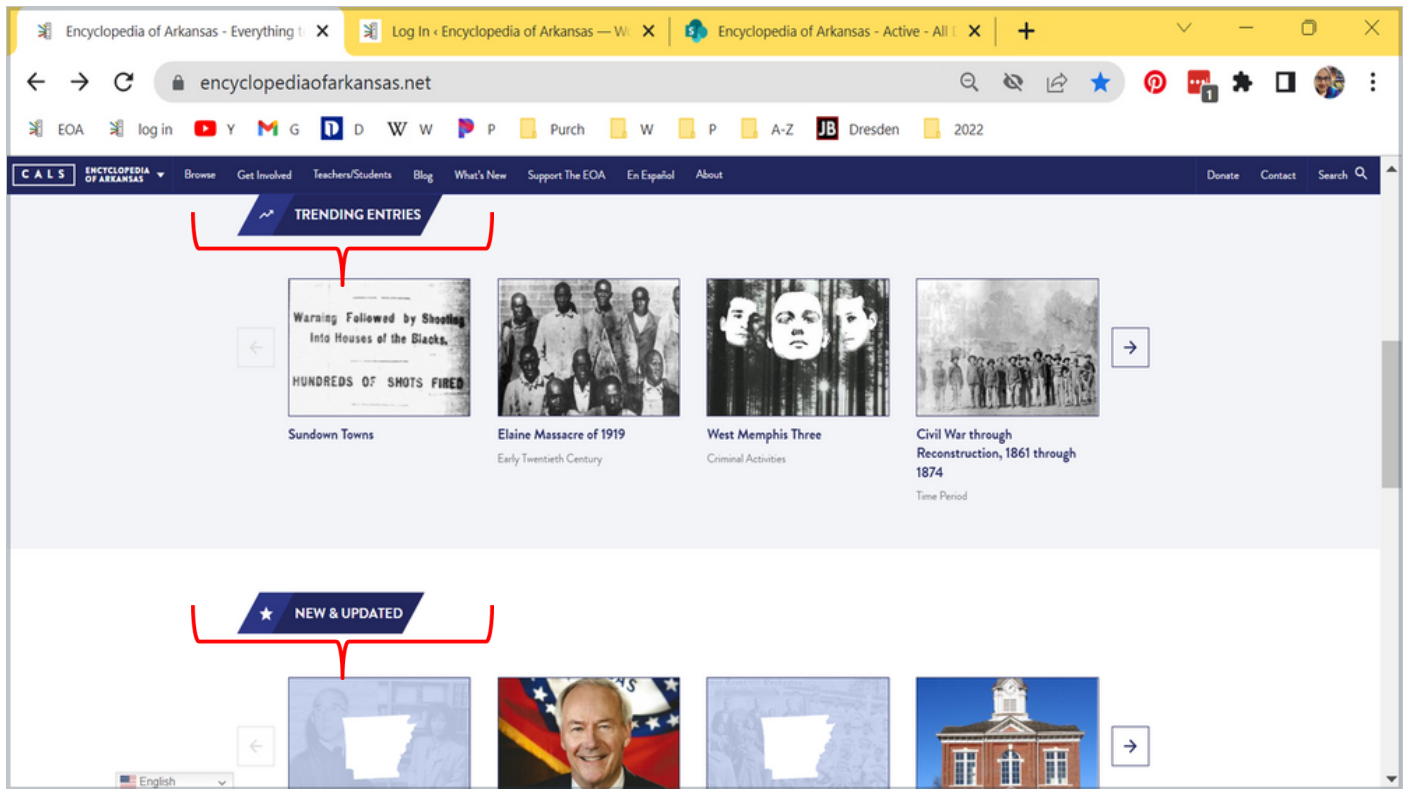


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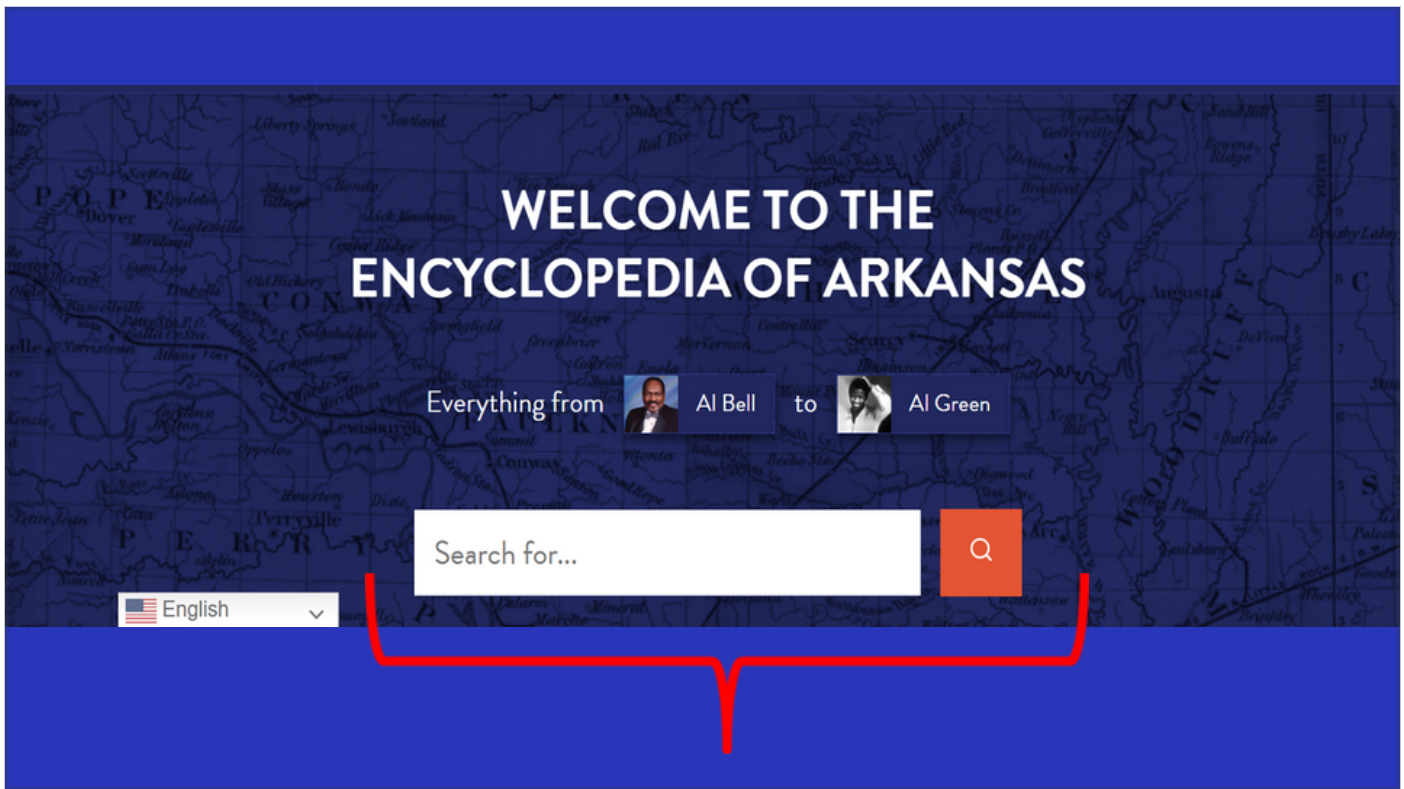
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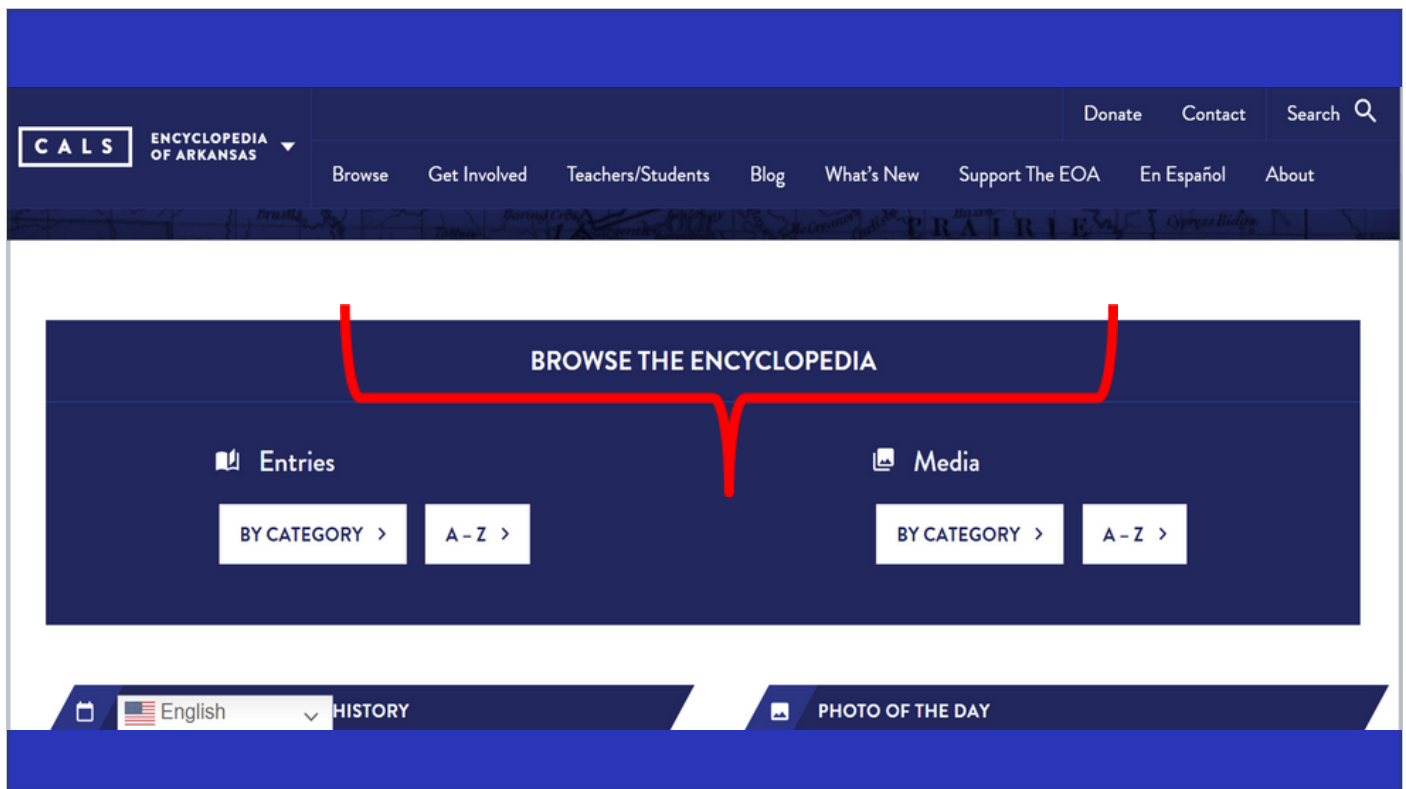
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THIS DAY IN ARKANSAS HISTORY

December 6, 1850

Calhoun County was founded, named after John C. Calhoun, vice president of the United States. Its county seat is Hampton. The county has only four incorporated towns or cities, but it is home to many archaeological sites dating from before the time of European exploration. Known for cotton production in the nineteenth century, modern-day Calhoun County produces timber, sand, and gravel. Its population density of 7.5 people per square mile, per the 2020 census, makes it the most sparsely populated of Arkansas's seventy-five counties.




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PHOTO OF THE DAY



"This Day in Arkansas History," and "Photo of the Day."

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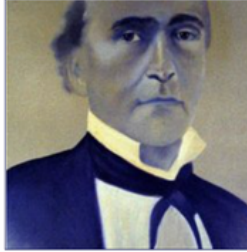
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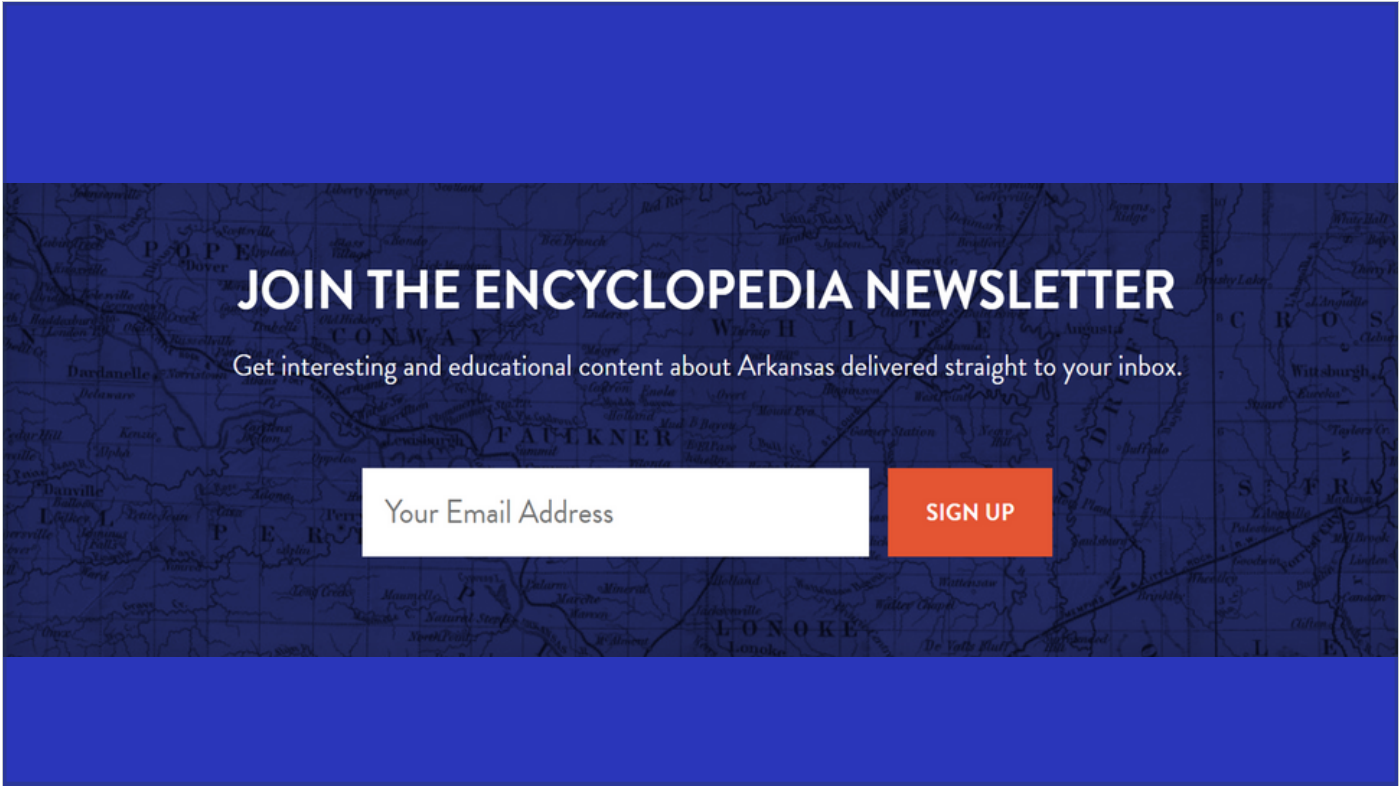


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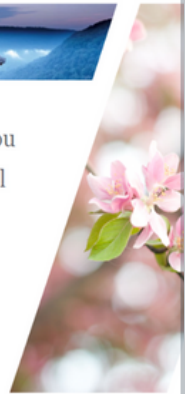
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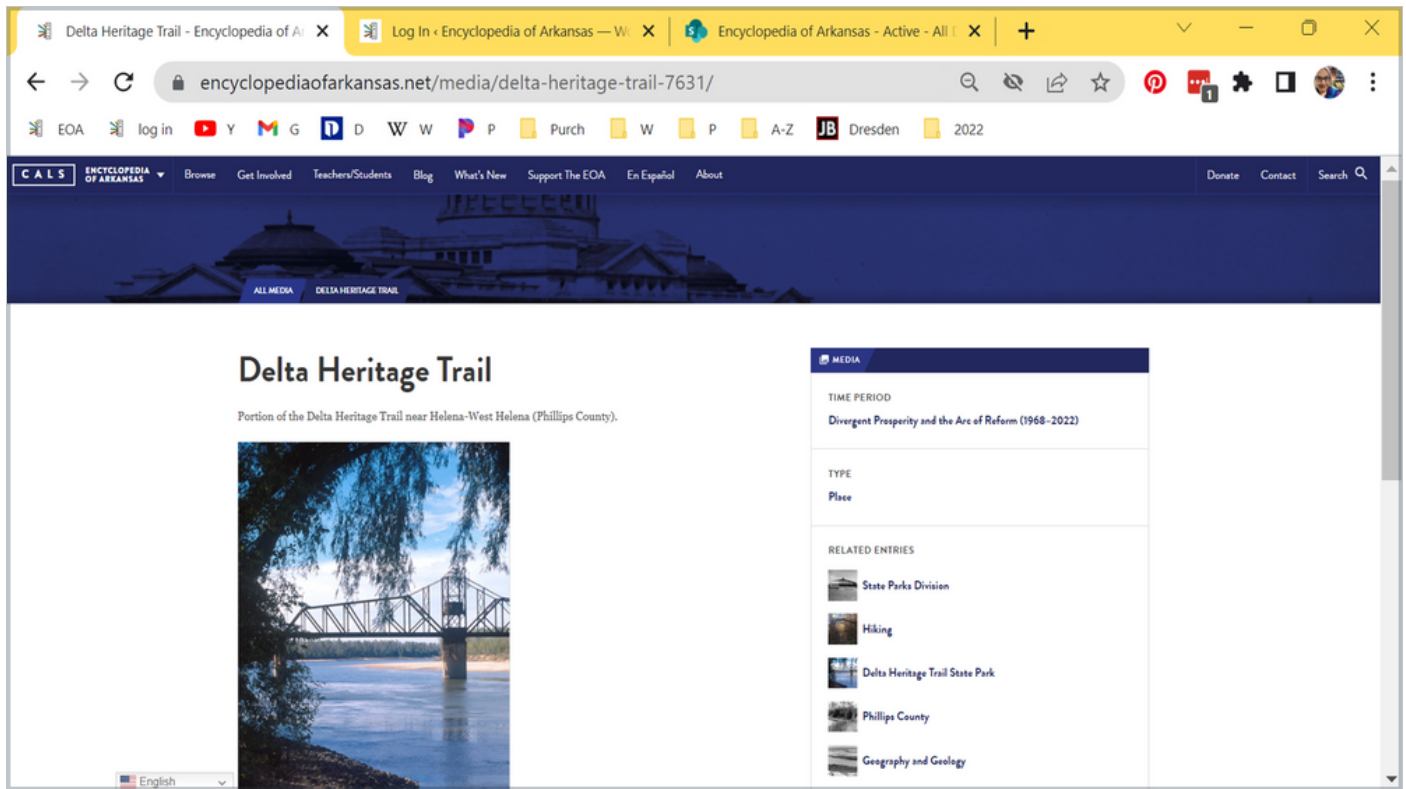


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Calhoun County

Region: Southwest

County seat: **Hampton**

Established: December 6, 1850

Parent county: **Bradley, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union**

Population: 4,739 (2020 Census)

Area: 628.60 square miles (2020 Census)

Historical population as per the U.S. Census:

1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900
-	-	-	-	-	4,103	3,853	5,671	7,267	8,339
1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
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ENTRY Calhoun County

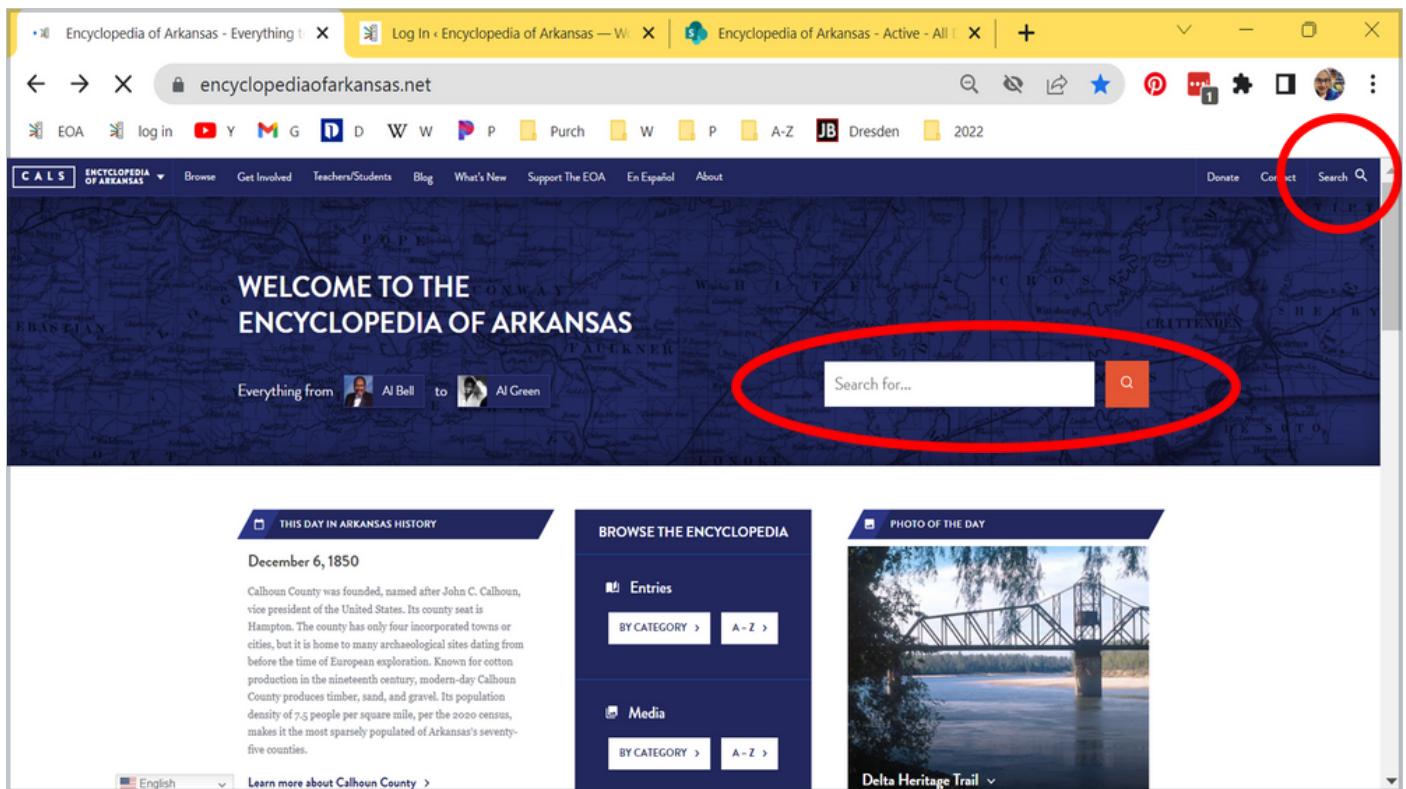
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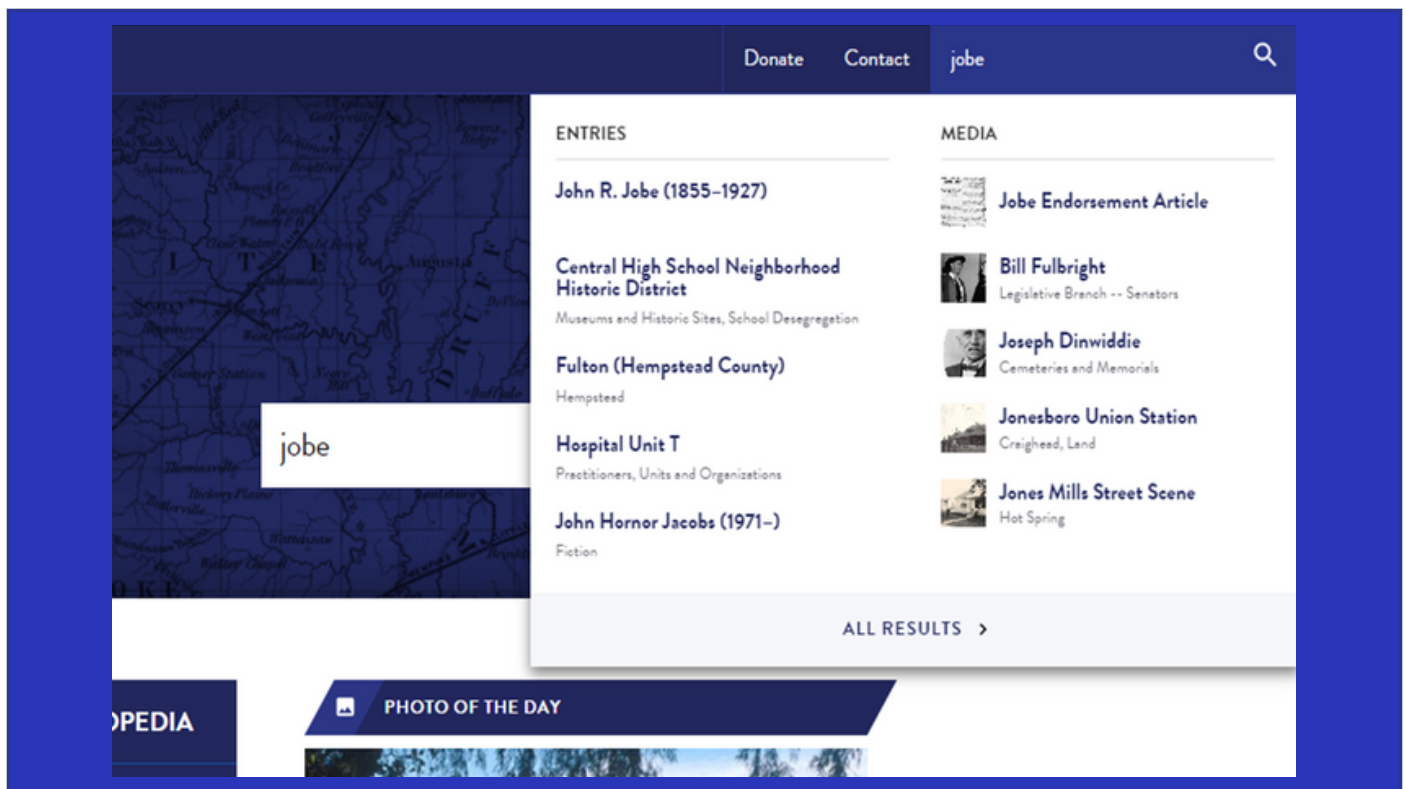
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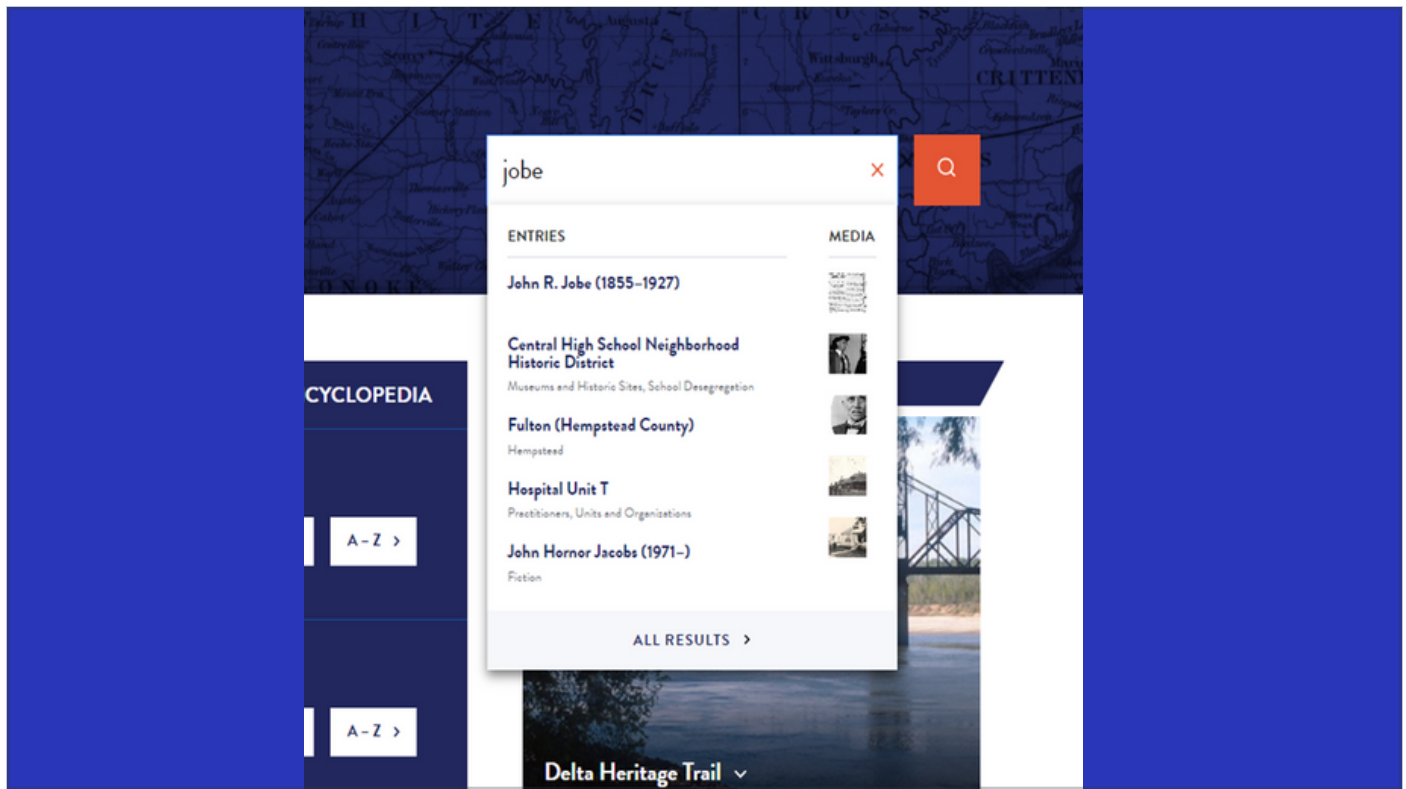
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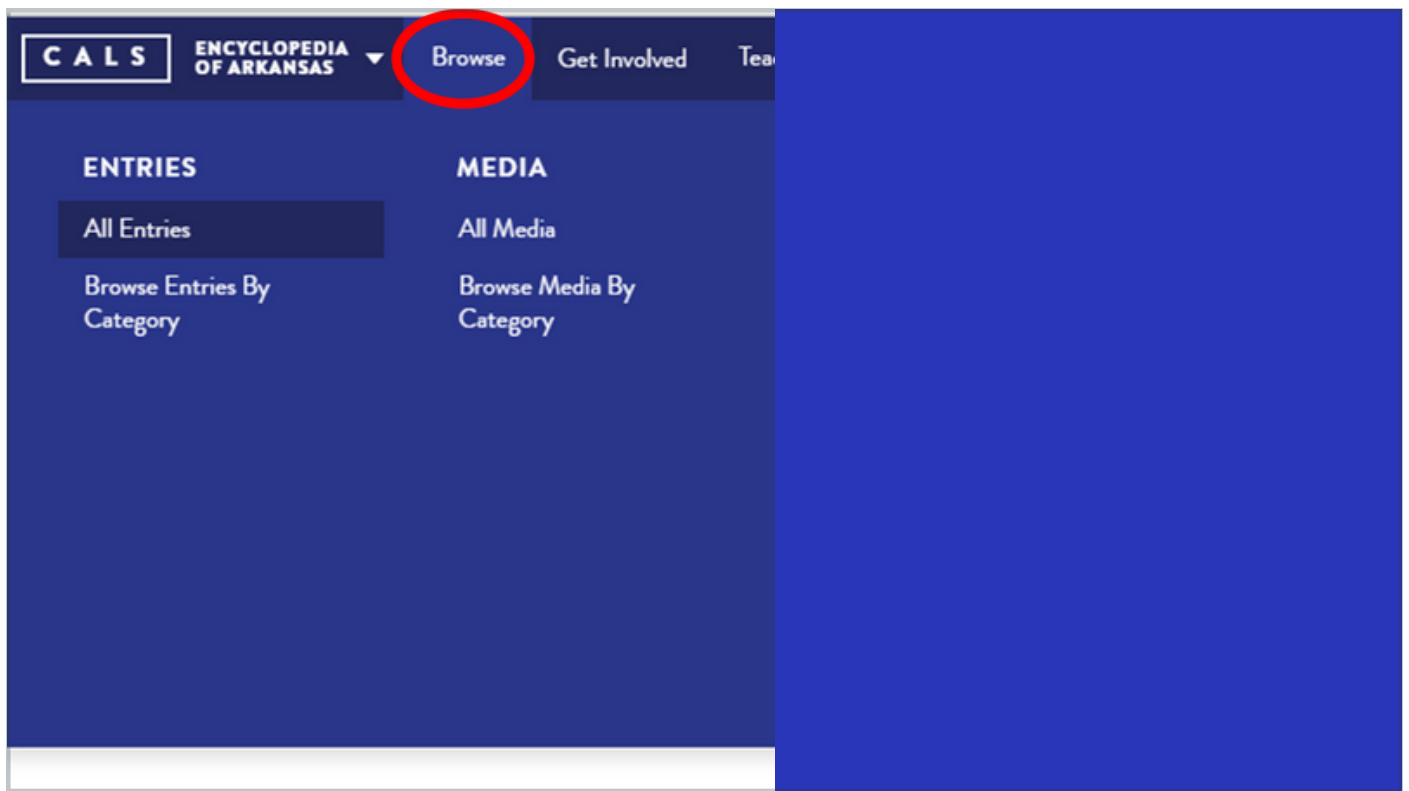
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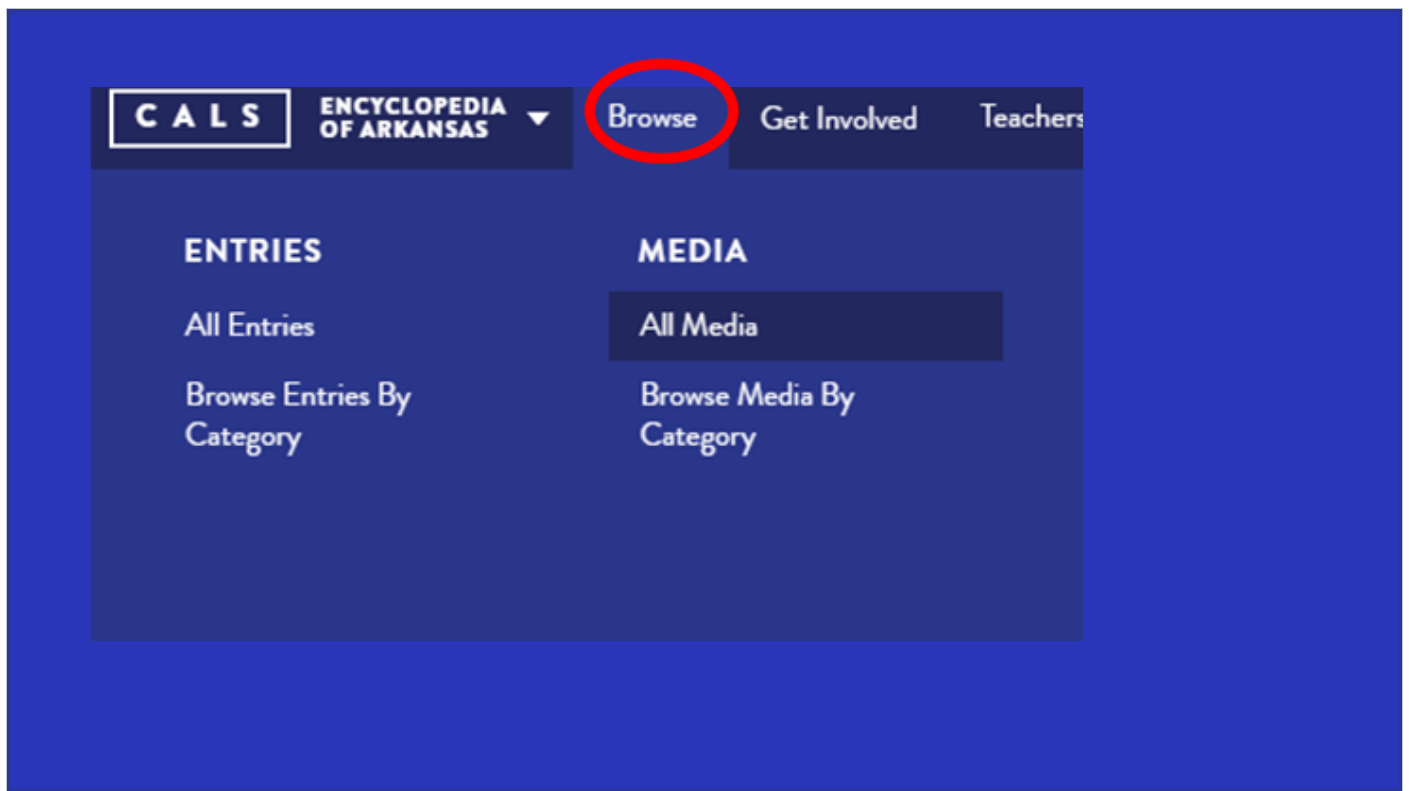
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112th United States Colored Infantry (US)

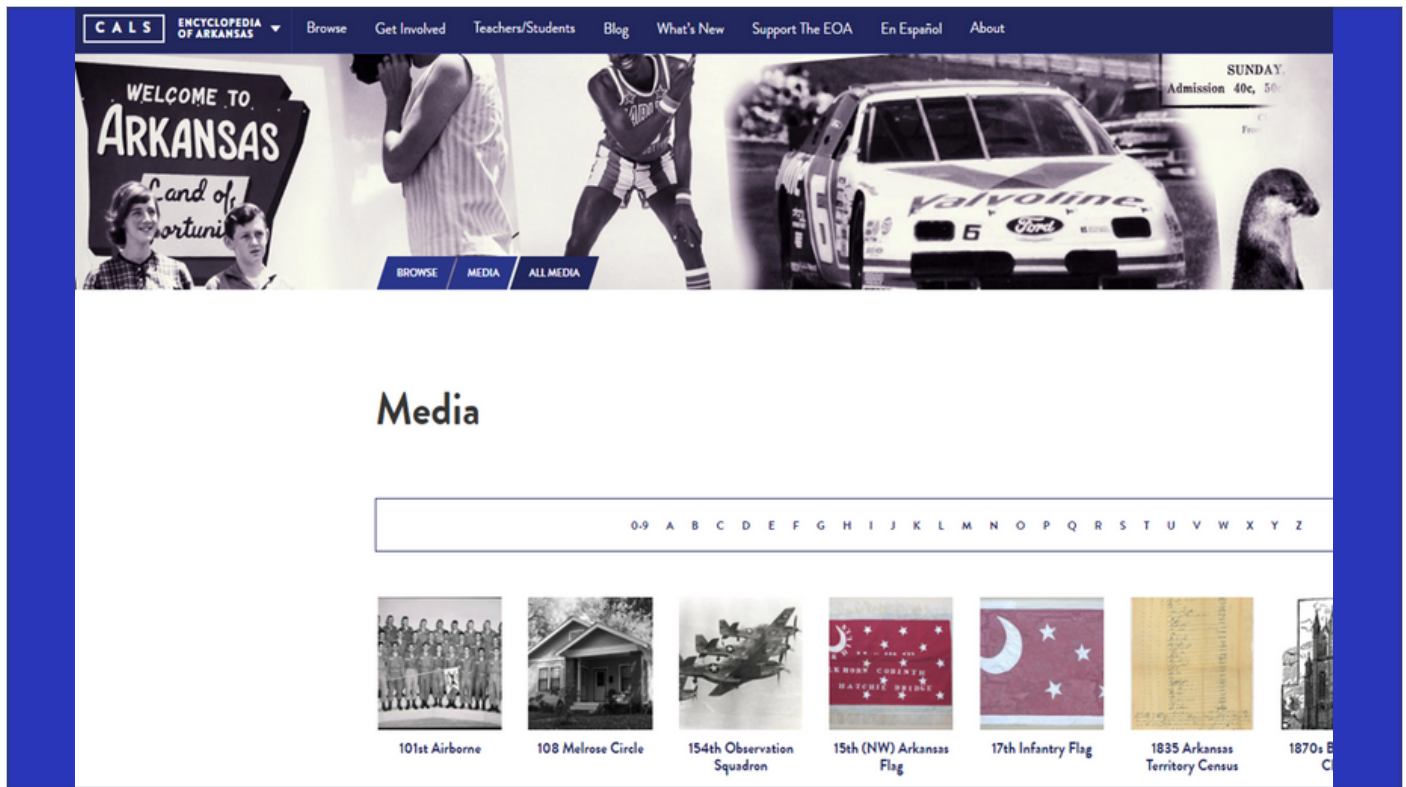
AKA: Fifth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry (African Descent)

The 112th United States Colored Infantry was a United States Colored Troops (USCT) regiment formed in Arkansas during the Civil War. Consisting of former s known as the Fifth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry (African Descent). The arrival of Federal troops in the state in 1862 brought hundreds of former slaves into Un Southwest took the Mississippi River port of Helena (Phillips County), thousands of slaves made their way to the city and to the protection of the Union forces.

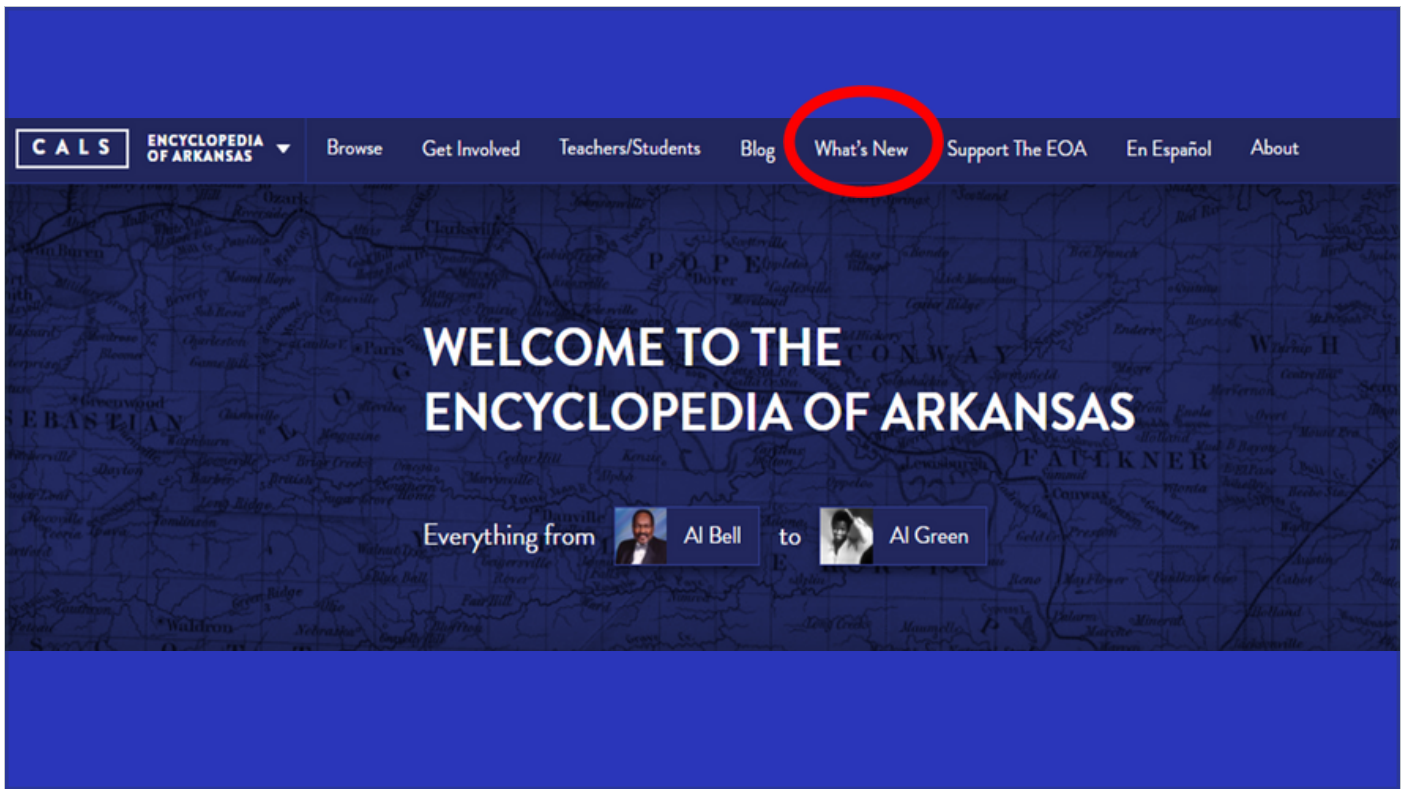
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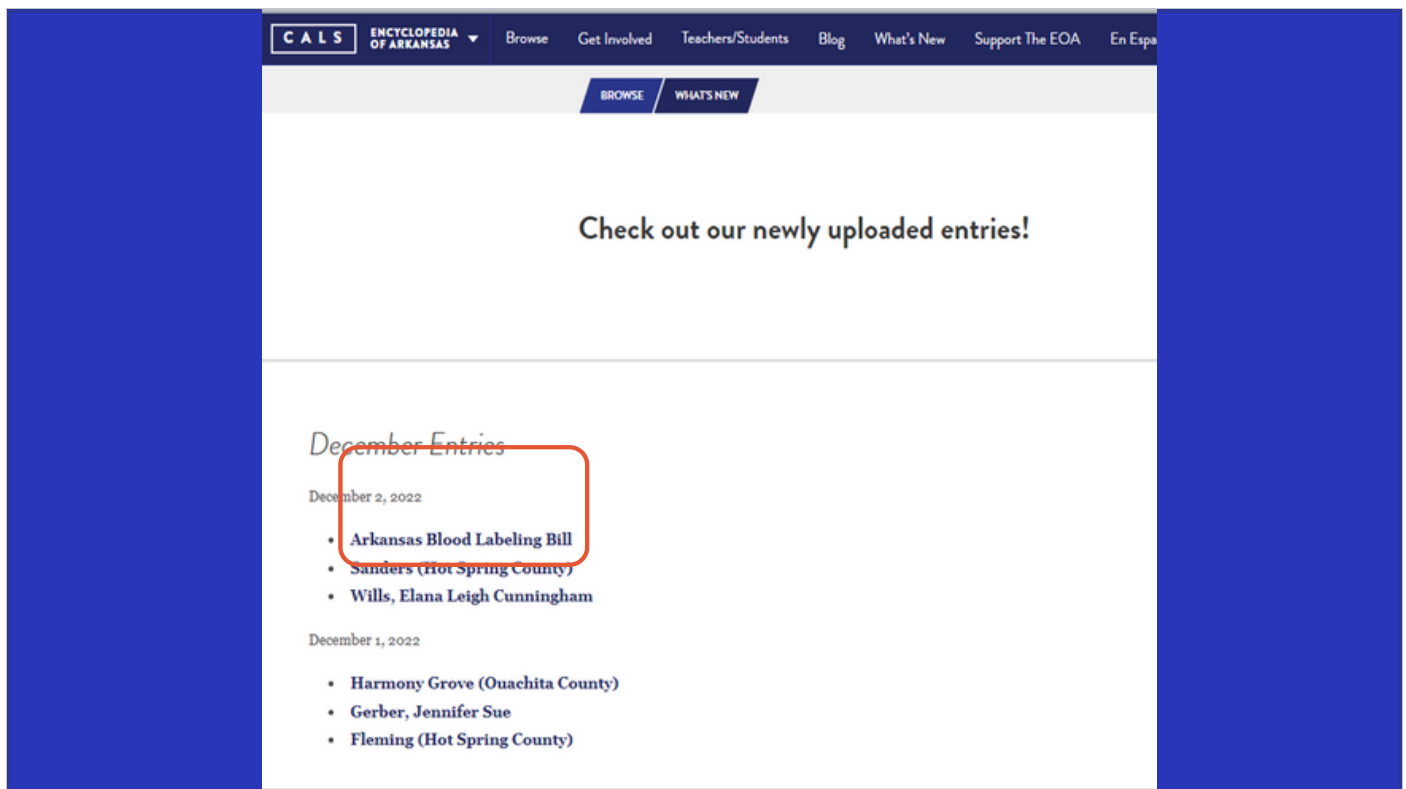
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ARKANSAS BLOOD LABELING BILL

Arkansas Blood Labeling Bill

AKA: HB 385

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The bill had a long historical precedent in white fears of the intermingling of blood. In 1911, Arkansas formally enacted the "**one-drop rule**," which codified previous understandings of race, aiming to preserve the "purity" of the white race, and answered the complex question of who would be considered "**Black**" or "white."

Segregationists equated the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision of 1954 with the sexual access of white women by Black men. A **fear of miscegenation** was regularly employed to stoke racial tensions in Arkansas and beyond.

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ENTRYArkansas Blood Labeling Bill

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World War II through the Faubus Era (1941 - 1967)

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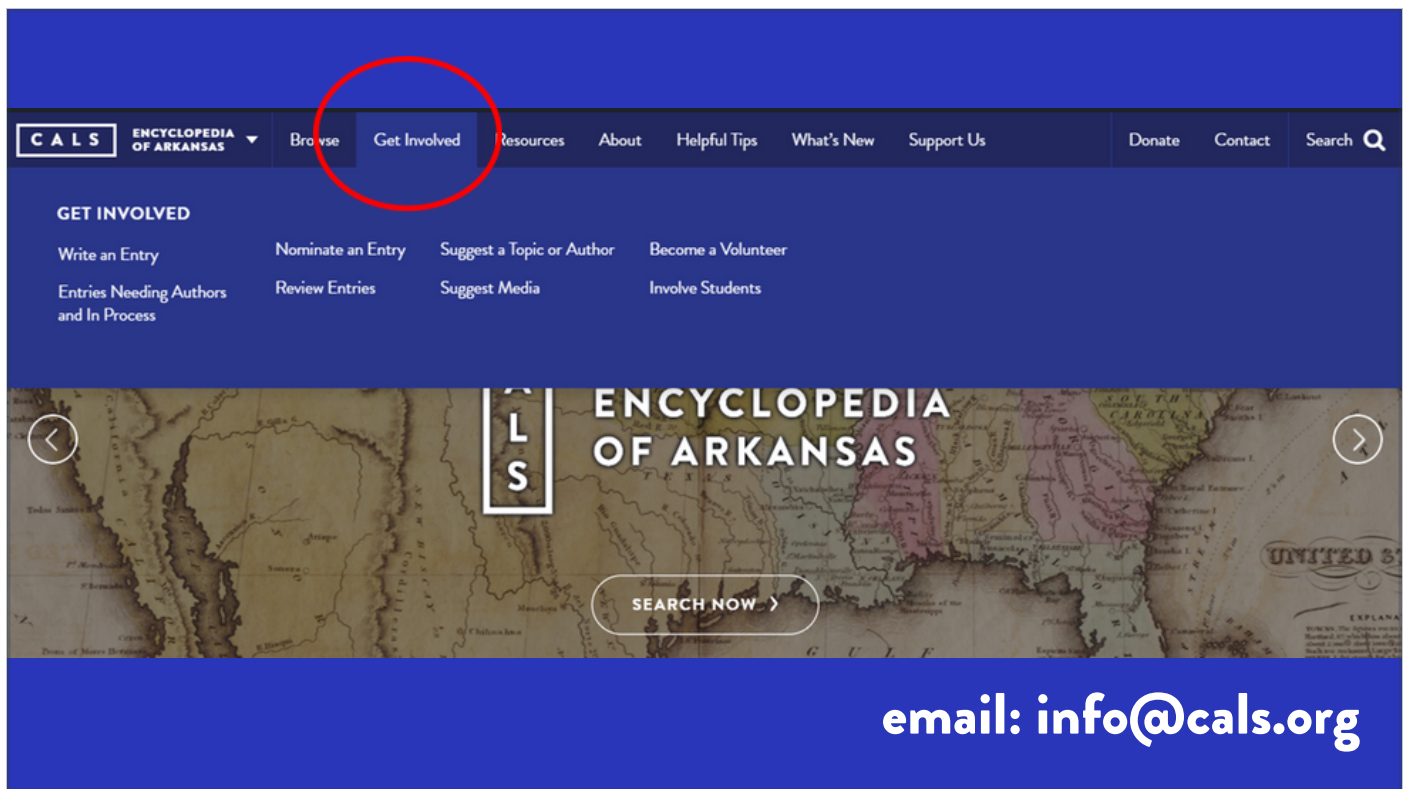


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