

# Footnote.com: connecting records about people

The home page is the entrance to everything else:

The screenshot shows the Footnote.com homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Footnote logo and links for 'Original Documents', 'Spotlights', and 'Story Pages'. A search bar is located below the navigation. The main content area includes a 'Let's Make History Together' banner with an 'Upload Now!' button, a 'WWII' featured section with 'Newly released photos and documents', and a 'Recent Member Discoveries' section listing various historical documents with view and comment counts.

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Items of interest on this page:

- Featured titles
- User contributions
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- Uploading link

## Search results include a thumbnail image.

The screenshot shows the Footnote search interface. At the top, the logo and navigation links are visible. A search bar contains the keyword 'Littrell', and a callout box indicates '375 matches for a Littrell'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Title or Collection'. A list of collections is shown, including 'Sjo Cooper News (AZ) (6)', 'Arthur Graphic Clarion (1)', 'Civil War Pensions Index (36)', 'Confederate Soldiers VA (95)', 'ERI Civil Files (4)', 'Grand Saline Sun (TX) (2)', 'Harrison Gazette Times (1)', 'Indian Valley Record (2)', 'London Times 1785-1920 (1)', and 'Missing Air Crew Reports WWII (2)'. The search results are displayed in a grid, with each result showing a thumbnail image, the title, and the source. The first result is 'Revolutionary War Service Records' from Virginia, the second is 'Confederate Soldiers - VA' from North Carolina, and the third is 'Civil War Pensions Index' from Arkansas. Each result has a 'See all details' link.

Items of interest on this page:

- Notice the “hit-highlighting” in the search results.
- Notice the number of pages in each title that meet the search conditions.
- “see all details” will show you all of the metadata associated with that image.

## Story Pages

This is a user-created page, describing a publication on the site.

The screenshot shows a user-created page on a website. The page is titled "USN Torpedo Squadron 51" and describes an action report from 1944. The page includes a sidebar with a user profile, a contents list, and a main text area with an embedded image of a document.

**Page created by you**  
sharborough  
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**Contents**

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**USN Torpedo Squadron 51**  
Action Report, U.S. Navy Torpedo Squadron 51 (VT-51), for Actions Occurring September 1-2, 1944. , 09/01/1944 - 09/02/1944  
CREATED: 39 minutes ago

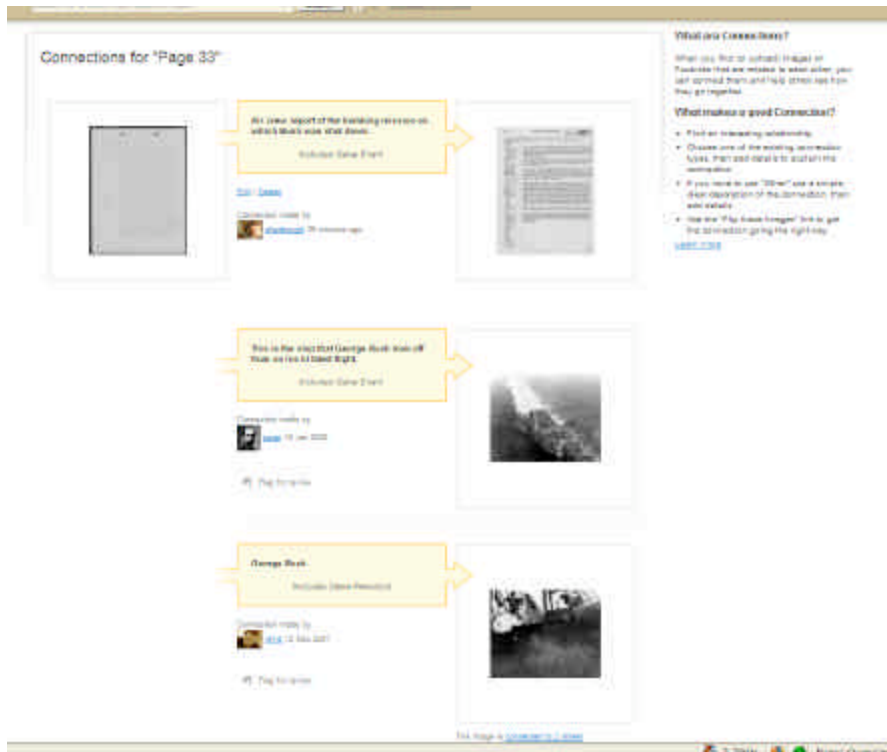
**VT-51**  
Where: Pacific Ocean

This is the Naval Action Report for the mission in which the future President George HW Bush was shot down. The report states Lt Bush was piloting the third plane over the target. Bush's plane was hit in the engine shortly after final push at 8,000 feet. In spite of this hit which caused his engine to smoke and catch on fire, Lt Bush continued in his dive, releasing his bombs on the radio station at 35 6-50 0 to score damaging hits. Ens. Moore, in the 4th plane likewise dropped his bombs on later installations after releasing his bombs. Lt Bush turned sharply to the east to clear the island of Chichi Jima, smoke and flames enveloping his engine and spreading all as he did so, and his plane losing altitude ... At a point approximately 5 miles bearing 045 degrees from Mirani Jima, Bush and one other person were seen to bail out from about 3,000 ft. Bush's chute opened and he landed safely in water, inflated his raft, and paddled farther away from Chichi Jima. ... (Bush has not yet been returned to squadron by rescue sub, so this information is incomplete). The rescue sub promptly effected rescue of Lt Bush who was unhurt, plans of VG-20 remaining over Bush's raft to protect him. It should be noted that VT-51 has established a doctrine, whenever wind and other conditions permit, to make bombing runs on targets near water so as to retire over the water. This puts pilot and crew in position for water rescue in event of forced landing such as that described herein.

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Notice the contents on the left. This gives a long document a structure that makes it easier to follow. Users can connect images (from the site or their galleries) to the story pages that they make.

## The heart of the Footnote site: connections.



In this image, you can see that three other documents or images have been connected to the page on the left.

The page on the left is from the Sept 1944 action reports of the submarine Finback. It picked up a pilot named George HW Bush who was on a raft.

The images on the right are an airforce action report that describes the bombing mission, a picture of the Enterprise (from which Bush took off), and a picture of George Bush. We also have a picture of the Finback.

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