

Historical Timeline

James Lester Kirk
Shirley Jean Barnes Kirk

	James Lester Kirk		Shirley Jean Barnes
26 Dec 1932	Born, Cerro Gordo Arkansas	14 Jul 1934	Born, Bolivar Tennessee (Hardeman County)
1861	 <p>James' great grandfather Levi Louis Kirk, a farmer, left Jones County Georgia to Notasulga, Alabama and married Mary Elizabeth Doggett. After her parents died, they packed up the siblings and moved to Lockesburg Arkansas in 1859-1860, one year before the start of the Civil War.</p>	Late 1800's	 <p>Shirley's mother, Elsie Howell (back left) grew up in Bolivar Tennessee.</p>
1880's	 <p>His grandfather William Asa Kirk worked for the railroad in Mineola, Texas in the late 1800's and moved the family to nearby Quitman, Texas.</p>		

1890's



James' father Rufus Clifton Kirk was born in Quitman and traveled quite a bit with his father. They visited family in North East Texas, DeQueen Arkansas and Idabel, Oklahoma.

1900



Rufus met and married Lucile Saloma Brazil and followed the relatives to Idabel, Oklahoma. Later they would move back to Cerro Gordo, Arkansas after the death of Robert Bruce Kirk to live in his house, run the store and raise his orphans.

1913

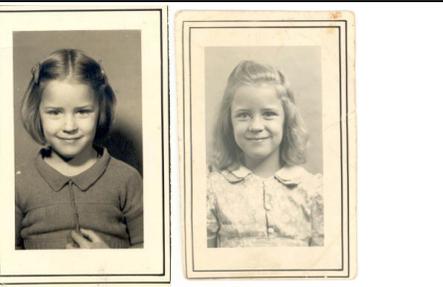


Rufus and Lucy seen here visiting the Marsh family in Lockesburg, Arkansas. They would eventually lose their first daughter, Geraldine Virginia Kirk, due to the croup at age 4.

Late 1800's



Grandparents William Rufus Howell and Mattie Milton Miltoni Majors. They were born and raised in Bolivar Tennessee where

<p>1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected President of the United States.</p> <p>Air-Conditioner is invented.</p> <p>The U.S. is the first to successfully split the atom.</p> <p>John Waynes' big debut to fame in the movie "Stagecoach" at the age of 25.</p> <p>1932 Comedian Jerry Lewis is only 6 years old.</p>		<p>1930 Great Depression begins.</p> <p>1934 Bonnie and Clyde meet their fate.</p> <p>The Cheeseburger is first created.</p> <p>The Monopoly game is invented.</p> <p>Adolf Hitler is elected as Chancellor of Germany.</p>	<p>Shirley Jean Kirk's mother (Elsie Howell) was born as well. Later her mother would meet Daniel Wells Barnes and marry.</p>  <p>Shirley Jean – July 14th, 1934 William Gordon – Aug 20, 1936 (died) Barbara Faye – July 1st, 1938 Gloria Annette – July 15th, 1940 (died) Daniel Wells Jr. – Mar 1942-43 (died) Sandra Mae – Mar or May 1945 (died) Gerald Wayne – Jan 22nd 1948 (crippled)</p>
			

		<p>1939 Commercial Television begins its debut.</p>	 <p>William Gordon , Shirley Jean and Barbara Faye</p>
			
<p>1945 World War II ends with the dropping of the Atomic Bomb on Japan.</p>		<p>1942-1943</p>	 <p>Shirley Holding Daniel "Danny" Wells Barnes Jr. Gloria (left); William Gordon (right) and Barbara Faye (far right).</p>
<p>1950 The Korean War breaks out.</p>	 <p>James Kirk turns 18 years old and Graduates from High School.</p>	<p>1946</p>	 <p>12 years old</p>
	<p>James joins the Army National Guard in</p>		

Arkansas, then later decides to enlist in the United States Navy following his brother Roger's career.



17 May 1951



James and Roger aboard USS New Jersey off coast of Korea during the war. Roger writes a letter to Marjorie and sends her a picture of him and James taken in Japan.

1951 Color Television is first introduced.

26 May 1951



USS New Jersey struck by Korean shore battery at Wonson Korea. 1 killed, 3 wounded. First casualty ever recorded on the New Jersey.



29 Aug 1951



Lucile Saloma Brazil and Rufus Clifton Kirk on their front porch in Horatio, Arkansas.

Rufus Clifton Kirk (James' Father) dies and is buried in Idabel, Oklahoma. Humanitarian Shore Duty, flown back from Korea (45 days leave). When leave was up, went back to San Francisco they sent telegram to report to Camden Arkansas. A naval reserve training center for 6 months.

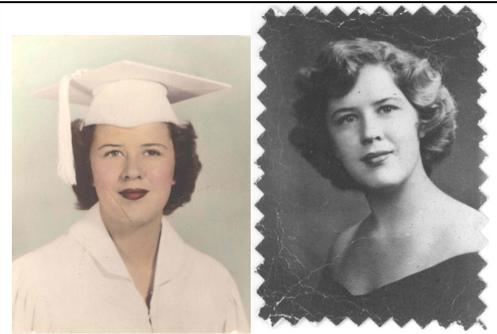
Roger went for shore duty in Memphis at Millington. James went through Key West, Florida on the USS Bushnell (a submarine tender). Stayed on for a while and got a set of orders to Pensacola, Ellison field.

1952?



Learned to become a barber in Pensacola, Florida (3 months).

May 1952



Graduated in 1952 from Central High School in Bolivar.

1952-1953

James worked his way to Millington, Tennessee, to be near Roger.

Jun 1952



17 years old. Moved and worked in Memphis Tennessee as an AT&T long distance telephone operator. Lived with

			<p>Aunt Bessie and Uncle Pete. Moved into a two-story house near Poplar with 4 girls who worked and shared the rent.</p> 
<p>Sep 1953</p>	<p>Met Shirley at a restaurant called "The Colonel" located across the street from the phone company.</p>	<p>Sep 1953</p> <p>1953: DNA is first discovered by scientists.</p>	 <p>Met James at a restaurant called "The Colonel" located on 3rd street across the street from the AT&T phone company. Shirley met Roger Kirk first while he was on shore patrol on 3rd Street, but Bonnie (manager of the restaurant) introduced James to Shirley.</p> <p>Later, Shirley moved out with Marionelle into a 1 bedroom apartment.</p>

<p>19 Dec 1953</p>	<p>James and Shirley get married in Hernando, Mississippi so they wouldn't have to wait 3 days to get a blood test. Roger and Barbara Kirk were stationed in Memphis with James and they were witnesses at the wedding. Roger and Barbara had their 3 year old boy, Roger Glen Kirk, with them at the time.</p> <p>James and Shirley planned to go to Horatio, Arkansas for an early Christmas and meet the rest of the Kirk family.</p>
<p>23 Dec 1953</p>	<p>Before Christmas, Shirley had to go back to work. She caught a train at midnight out of Texarkana. It was her very first time to ride a train much less all the way back to Memphis, Tennessee. She had to be back at work by 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve. Unbeknownst to her, she was required to change trains in Little Rock, Arkansas and she fatefully slept right through it all the way to St. Louis, Missouri. She was scared to death. She didn't know a soul in the area and was only 19 years old having never been out of the state of Tennessee. She only had \$9.00 in her wallet. She contacted the train officials and told them what had transpired. They refunded her fare, but she was told to wait at the station for the next train heading her way (an all day affair). Fortunately, she found one that was heading out in 45 minutes but was completely full. They allowed her to board, but she had to stand up all the way to Carbondale,</p>

Illinois. She says she looked pitiful, because the clothes back then were not wash and wear. She spent the whole time in a wrinkled wool dress.

She called Miss Trustee, her supervisor, to explain what had happened and went straight to work from the train station in her wrinkled, wool dress. She was up for a full 24 hours due to the misfortunate train incident.

On a side note: She claims that James got around by hitch-hiking (it wasn't as dangerous back then). This was the first Christmas they spent without each other as a married couple.



Pregnant with James Michael Kirk and visiting Barnes family in Tennessee.

8 Aug 1954

1954 The first Atomic Submarine is launched.



James Michael Kirk was born at the Millington Naval Station.

Jan 1955

Shirley is pregnant 5 months later with Debra Lynn Kirk

23 Sep 1955

1955 Disneyland opens for the first time.

1955 McDonalds corporation is founded.



Debra Lynn Kirk was born at the Millington Naval Station. They lived in Aunt Katie and Uncle James' old house (not residing with them) in Memphis until they decided whether or not to move to California. James was expecting orders and since they were going to come back and sell the house at a later date, Shirley decided to live with James' parents in Horatio, but in the meantime she stayed with Pete and Bessie.

<p>Dec 1955</p>	 <p>Christmas in Horatio. James got orders to Puerto Rico for 6 months for operation Spring Board. Then worked at the Navy Exchange in San Juan for 3-4 months. Shirley went to Horatio and lived with Lucy Kirk (James' mother). James got in a fight during this time frame and got his nose broke. He leaves January 1st 1956 to go to Puerto Rico.</p>
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<p>Mar 1956</p> <p>1956 Elvis Presley "gyrates" his hips on the Ed Sullivan Show.</p>	 <p>Shirley got word that her grandmother was ill. She went home to Tennessee and stayed there until June 1956. Her grandmother eventually got better, but (as Shirley recalls) it made James angry because he thought Shirley didn't want to stay in Horatio. He thought she made it up because she was homesick.</p>
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<p>Apr 1956</p>	 <p>James goes to Norfolk, Virginia in April 1956 aboard the Delosier, a Destroyer Escort. (The Coates (Roger), Delong (Keeter) and Delosier (James) were in sister squadron of ships.</p>
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<p>Jun 1956</p>	<p>Shirley came back to Horatio and stayed with Lucy Kirk until September 1956 when James came back from Puerto Rico and got orders to Norfolk, Virginia. James wasn't going to come after Shirley in Horatio until he got \$1000.00 saved to put down on a house. Shirley helped by getting a job in DeQueen, Arkansas at a Root Beer stand. There she met Lou and Eddie Gray.</p>
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<p>Sep 1956</p> <p>1957 Dr. Seuss publishes the Cat in the Hat book.</p> <p>1957 The Soviet Union launches the first satellite named Sputnik and</p>	
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launches the Space Race with the United States.



Shirley moves out to Norfolk, Virginia. For the first 3 months they lived in the "Ben Moral" apartments, then bought a house for \$9,500.00 in West Over Division on 4709 Dermott Street. They were paying \$137.50 a month on the mortgage. Shirley got a job at Green Briar Farms Nursery where they grew shrubs and trees. Green Briar Farms covered the whole eastern seaboard. She worked there until July 1958.

1957-58
"The Cuban Cherry Bomb Crisis"

1959 Fidel Castro becomes the dictator of Cuba



Roger sent to reserves in New Orleans. Roger, Dad and Keeter make a cruise to Cuba. Castro had took all of Cuba except Havanna (All 3 ships pulled liberty in Havanna then Castro took Havanna that weekend after they pulled out around 1957 or 1958). Dad transferred to the Delong around 1958 to stay in Norfolk where he met Keeter and went to Cuba. When we get to Cuba, we're going to get you (Someone?) drunk and put women's clothes on you. (Someone) was scared to go ashore. Sitting at bar at table, waitress doesn't want to wait on 1 guy. Roger says if you don't serve him, then you don't serve any of us. James had a Cherry bomb, pulled it out, lit the fuse and threw it under the table. A plain clothes detective pulled a gun and put it in the Chief's belly, Roger pulled the guys arm "Don't point that gun it might go off".

Keeter was barley making it...James says "Keeter I'm going to put a dress on you". They carried Keeter back on ship and dropped him on the Quarter Deck. Shore patrol got after Roger, some gal grabbed his hat off his head, shore patrol chasing Roger, Dad chasing shore patrol, etc..

July 1958

Shirley goes on Maternity leave from Green Briar Farms.

October 1958

1958 NASA is founded by the US Congress



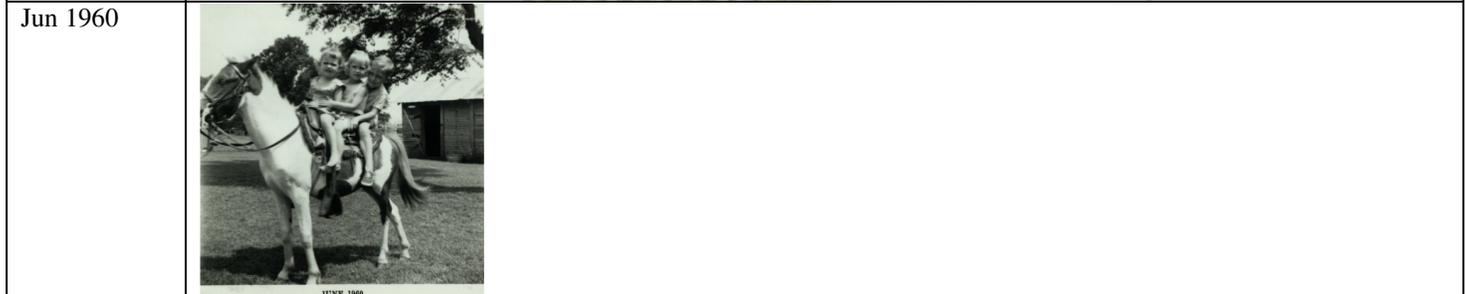
Clifton Daniel Kirk was born. At some point, Shirley goes back to work for 2 - 3 months, but then started working for "Associate Discounts" around 1960.



Jan 1959 1959 The Sound of Music opens on Broadway	James continued to train the reserves and eventually the US Navy turned the ships over to reserves in Richmond Virginia at the Naval Reserve Training Center. James took the ship (USS Delong) up the St. James River. Gave the ship (Delong) to the reservists and got a set of orders to the Noah (Jan 1959). James went to the Mediterranean on the USS Noah for 9 months.
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Nov 1959	James just came back from the Mediterranean Sea from the Noah (DD-Destroyer) after 9 month tour.
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1959 - 1960	James couldn't get along with Supply Officer (Castleberry). Called Watson (from Dekalb Texas - placement guy and a friend) and got orders to the USS Sierra in Norfolk until eventually being sent to recruiting duty in Arkansas. The XO of the Noah couldn't get James' orders cancelled. Then James and Shirley went to California and took Grandmother Kirk to visit Shirley's parents sometime in 1959 or 1960
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Big Reunion at Grandmother Lucy L. Kirk's in Horatio, Arkansas.

July 1960 1960 The Laser was first invented.	
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Shirley's parents, sisters and brothers were involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver in Tatum, New Mexico while in route to Tennessee from California. Her parents had moved to California in 1957 and had lived in Los Angeles. They were in route to Tennessee to visit relatives, brothers and sisters and to take Shirley's brother Danny back to Tennessee to finish high school. They were also taking Shirley's sister Gloria Annette, brother-in-law Bruce Jolly and their daughter Susan Lynn Jolly (survived) back to Ft. Worth (after visiting in Tennessee) where they had rented an apartment. Bruce was in the process of entering the seminary.

Aubrey and Lilian Evans took care of Mike, Debi and Cliff while they went to funeral.

Shirley's Father, Mother, one brother and two sisters were killed. The accident left her with one brother, Gerald Wayne Barnes, mentally handicapped and paralyzed on his right side; one sister: Barbara Faye (Barnes) Cox who was not involved in the accident and another brother Gordon Barnes who was not involved in the accident.

Apr 1961



9 months later, Shirley is pregnant with their 4th child

Jul 1961

1961 The Berlin Wall is built by the Soviets.



Shirley has her first miscarriage after being pregnant for 3 ½ months (2nd trimester).

Sep-Oct 1961

Shirley is pregnant with Scott Allison Kirk

01 Jul 1962



James gets promoted in Sep or Oct 1962 to Chief. James got orders to Mena, Arkansas for recruiting duty. He was scheduled to relieve his brother, Roger Bruce Kirk in the current position.

11 Jul 1962

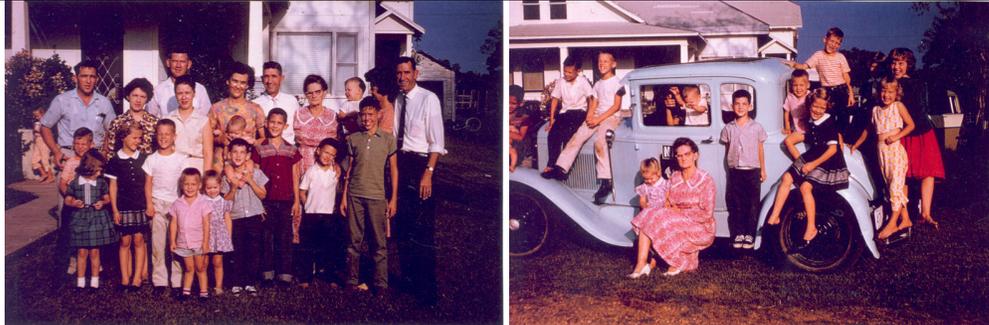
October 1962
The Cuban
Missile Crisis
begins

1962 Marilyn
Monroe is
found dead.



The family moves into a house on the western outskirts of Mena where Scott Allison Kirk was born. They lived in Mena from July 1962 to December 1967. Shirley meets John and Betty Tedford (best friends) through their mutual sons. Michael Tedford and James Michael Kirk were friends in school.

Sep 1962



James' brother Gerald Kirk and family return from Germany and have a big family reunion at Grandmother Kirk's house in Horatio. John Kirk is only 4 months old.

Jan 1963



James buys a house on 1217 Reeves Street. They financed a \$14,000.00 mortgage for the house.

1963?

22 Nov 1963
John F.
Kennedy is
assassinated.



64-65

1964 The
Beatles make
their debut in
the U.S.

1964 Nelson
Mandela is
sentenced to
life in prison.



Story of Clifton Daniel Kirk and Scott Allison Kirk rolling backwards in car at top of hill from their house.

Dec 1964



October 65?

1965 The
United States
sends troops
to Vietnam.



Around Halloween, James and Shirley take the kids to Oklahoma to visit relatives. An elderly couple in a truck run a stop sign and almost hit the car in front of them. Shirley was driving and rear ends the car. Cliff was in between James' legs and Scott (in the back seat) got a bloody nose. Betty Tedford came and got them. They had to tow the car into the shop for repairs.

Jan 7th 1966

1966 The T.V. series Star Trek first airs on television.



Shirley's brother (Gordon Barnes, a police officer), was killed 5 Years after her parents fatal collision. It was Jan 7th, 1966 – Alvin Cox was only 1 week old) when Gordon Barnes was broad sided by another car while backing out of his driveway.

66-67

1967 The first superbowl game is played.

1967 The first successful heart transplant is performed.



James makes E-8 in Mena, then James Kirk serves a tour in Vietnam onboard a hospital ship, the USS Repose for only 1 year. Shirley got an opportunity to speak to him via short wave radio (Ham Radio) that was owned by a next door neighbor. She remembers having to say "over" between conversations.



This was while she and the kids were living in Arkansas.

Jan 1968

James gets orders to a destroyer tender USS Praise (ship) and they move to San Diego, California and deployed to Hawaii (Ford Island) for 6 months. They live there for about 8 months in a set of apartments on top of a hill close to Miramar (Cabrilla Heights). Here there were several stories about James Michael getting in a fight; the big earthquake that everyone felt except Cliff and Scott who were wrestling in the front yard at the time; Cliff scares his mom and dad with a fake rubber tarantula spider; Debra coordinates a play in the car garage and dresses up the kids and gives them parts. She charges money for attendance; James L. Kirk plays the "get water out of a nickel" trick on Scott.

<p>01 Sep 1968</p> <p>1968 Martin Luther King is assassinated.</p> <p>1968 Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated.</p>	 <p>James L. Kirk leaves port in San Diego. Shirley and kids leave for Lawton, Oklahoma and move into a trailer owned by Roger and Barbara. Scott starts the 1st grade at Westwood Elementary. Shirley works for Roger and Barbara sewing on patches and name tags for Army fatigues, shoes, belts and caps. They live in the trailer for about 9 months and it was there that Cliff had an episode with his appendix and was taken to the hospital to have it removed.</p>
<p>Dec 1968</p>	 <p>While there, Roger introduced a new family pet to Shirley's kids. They named the dog "Dee Dee" after the name of a store in the Kress' Mall area. James was in management school in New York to prepare him for his future duties as Assistant Manager for the Navy Exchange at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico.</p>
<p>Jun 1969</p>	<p>James goes to New York for Navy Exchange School in Jan 1969. James gets orders to Puerto Rico in Feb 1969, and Shirley move to Puerto Rico into the "Green House" on Yorktown Street.</p>
<p>Jul 1969</p>	<p>Shirley goes to work at the Naval Station Base phone exchange and works there until January 1972.</p>
<p>?</p>	<p>Shirley starts hemorrhaging and becomes anemic. She has surgery for a hysterectomy.</p>
<p>?</p>	<p>Kirks meet the Henderlites (Pete, Kathy, Susan, Donna, Russell, Ann), the Copes (Darrell, Sheryl).</p>
<p>May 1972</p>	<p>Story of James Michael Kirk and the FBI alcohol incident. Mike graduates from Puerto Rico at Roosevelt Roads High School.</p>
<p>?</p>	<p>Debra Kirk breaks front tooth by diving off the high dive and hitting the incline of the swimming pool.</p>
<p>July 1969 Neil Armstrong is the first man on the moon.</p> <p>1969 Yaser Arafat becomes leader of the PLO.</p>	
<p>1970 The Beatles Break up.</p>	<p>The Cox family visits. Alvin is left at the swimming pool (Where do you live? Memphis. Who does your dad work for? Woadway). Scott and Alvin jump off car-port onto palm tree (limb breaks on Alvin).</p>
<p>1971 The VCR is first introduced.</p>	<p>James L. Kirk fights mongoose after it enters the tool shed. Land Crab incident in driveway. Multiple water funnels at family beach. Beautiful lights at Christmas on Bunker hill.</p>

Jun 1969	Shirley and Scott remember 747 or 727 hits bird while taking off from Jamaica (aborted takeoff).
1971	150 people take a trip to Venezuela (Carracas). James and Shirley go, leaving kids in Puerto Rico.
71-72	James and Shirley take a trip to St. Thomas Virgin Islands. James retires from US Navy in June 1972. They wanted to promote him to E-9 but he would have to take orders to Scotland.
Jun 1972 1972 The Watergate scandal begins. 1972 The T.V. series MASH is first aired on Television.	<p>Movers come on a Wednesday (2 days before Grandmother Lucy L. Kirk dies on Friday). Shirley receives a call that night concerning Lucy's health. She is getting worse. Thursday, James and Shirley run around trying to arrange James' retirement for an earlier date. They try to move it up to Friday instead of Monday.</p> <p>Friday afternoon, the whole family departs on a 747 back to the U.S. via New York, then on to Memphis (Grandmother Kirk dies that evening). James and Shirley borrow a car from Glen and Barbara and drive to Arkansas on Saturday. Lucy was buried on Monday in Idabel, Oklahoma. All of the Kirk families gather together in the "green carpet front room" of her house, hold hands in a circle and each person says a short prayer.</p> <p>James, Shirley and kids leave to go back to New Jersey and pick up the old "Chevrolet" being shipped back from Puerto Rico. Instead of stopping for gasoline, they had to stop more often for oil. It was awful and wasn't even worth picking up the car. They visited friends along the way: Aubrey and Lillian Evans in Norfolk who had lived across the street from them. Scott remembers building a large towering structure out of tinker toys at their house.</p>
1972 1972 The pocket calculator is first introduced.	 <p>James and Shirley come back to Lawton, Oklahoma for one year. Debra Kirk graduates from High School and James L. Kirk starts junior college. James L. Kirk begins selling life insurance for American Amicable. Shirley works at Eisenhower as a finance secretary. Scott was attending the 5th grade at Westwood Elementary. During this year, the family takes a trip to Austin, Texas for the Texas vs. Arkansas football game and we meet at Harrell and Lois' house for the pregame fun. Everyone gets excited and decides to make a banner for the "hogs" to show at the televised game. Eventually it rained that day and the banner got wet. It was virtually unusable and ruined, but Shirley tried her best to hold up the pieces. She also belted out a few "Whooo Pig Sooie" calls during the game.</p>
Spring 1973	Mike Kirk joins the Airforce.
May 1973	Debi Kirk graduates from High School at Eisenhower in Lawton, Oklahoma.
Jun 1973 1973 The Sears Tower in Chicago is built. 1973 The protocols of the internet are being designed.	<p>James was going to college and working for American Amicable Insurance Company. James was studying business courses.</p> <p>Shirley moves back to Mena, Arkansas in the same house on 1217 Reeves street. Shirley works at Mena High School as a secretary. Clifton Daniel Kirk breaks his arm and suffers radial nerve damage from a football injury. He has to be driven over an hour to a hospital in Ft. Smith. Scott attends 6th grade. James Michael Kirk gets his first Opal GT car. (James is working in Lawton and living with Roger). Barbara moved to Dekalb.</p>
Jan 1974	Debi Kirk attends Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
Jun 1974 1974	James and Shirley move to Orlando, Florida and live in Knobhill apartments on Aloma Avenue for 6 months while looking for a place to live. James was going to try and open up the insurance on the training base due to boot camp recruits training in Orlando but the USN would not let him. They move into a house on 666 Lakemont Avenue.

<p>President Nixon resigns.</p>	<p>Shirley works as an assistant Librarian for Mrs. Baldwin. Cliff graduates from Winter Park High School in 1977. Scott breaks his arm while wrestling with Cliff in a tree. James tried to sell insurance on the Naval Base, but the Navy wouldn't let him do it. Then he developed the clothes folding aid booklet. The navy bought and paid him for the book to include in the recruit dity bag.</p>  <p>Cliff Graduates from Winter Park High School in May 1976.</p>
<p>1976 The Star Wars movie premiers.</p>	<p>Moved to Turkey Drive. Shirley works at Orlando General Hospital as a Secretary for purchasing agent. Here they reunite with Claude and Nancy Keeter. James L. Kirk retires and begins a business with "Keeter" selling nick-knacks at a shop called "The Browse Nook". Cliff begins working at Disney World in Cinderella's Castle.</p>
<p>Jul 1977 1977 Elvis Presley found dead. 1978 The first test tube baby is born.</p>	<p>Move to Killeen, Texas. Scott begins 10th Grade at Killeen High School. James L. Kirk goes into business with his brother Roger Bruce Kirk and opens an office in Copperas Cove, Texas.</p>
<p>May 1980</p>	 <p>Scott graduates from C.E. Ellison High School in Killeen, Texas</p>

1984-1985

1983 The internet is born.



Family photograph at 1805 Prather Drive in Killeen, Texas.

May 1986



Scott graduates from the University of Texas at Austin and is commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy.

