

Diary and Family Data
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 with parenthetical identifications and explanations*

Begun and Brought to Date June 9, 1934

Sept	15	1867	Dad Taylor (<i>Edmund Haines</i>) born – Frankfort, Ky
May	9	1868	Daddy (<i>Francis Bernard McIntosh</i>) born - Newberry, S.C.
Aug	4	1871	Mrs. Taylor (<i>Ann Mary Arnett</i>) born - Versailles, Ky.
June	27	1873	Mother (<i>Nina Elizabeth Tradewell</i>) born - Columbia, S.C.
July	6	1896	Daddy and mother married - De, Va.
Nov	25	1896	Dad and Mrs. Taylor married – Union Church, Woodford Co, Ky
April	8	1897	Sister (<i>Elizabeth Caldwell McIntosh</i>) born - Columbia, S.C.
Sept	22	1897	Arnett (<i>Clark Arnett Taylor</i>) born - Versailles, Ky.
Dec	21	1898	I was born - Columbia, S.C.
June	27	1902	Edmund (<i>Edmund Haines Taylor Jr.</i>) born - Atlanta, Ga
Nov	10	1903	Bernard (<i>McIntosh – sister to Sarah</i>) born - Columbia, S.C.
		1904	I had measles, pneumonia, etc.
Jan		1905	We moved to Tampa
Feb	4	1905	Martha (<i>Taylor – sister to Arnett</i>) born - Atlanta, Ga
July	1	1905	Bernard died (<i>of spinal meningitis</i>)
Dec-Mar	05-06		Sister and I had scarlet fever
Dec	11	1906	Polly (<i>Mary Fielding McIntosh</i>) born - Tampa, Fla.
		1907	Taylors moved to Tampa
		1907	Uncle Frank (<i>husband of Nina McI's sister Mamie</i>) died
Mar	4	1909	Granny (<i>Sarah Emma McCaine Tradewell</i>) died
		1910	moved to Oregon Ave. (<i>Tampa</i>)
Mar		1910	E.H.T.s moved to Bay (<i>Tampa</i>)
M....		1912	Baptised – St. Johns by the Sea – Tampa (<i>now St. John's Episc., South Orleans Ave.</i>)
			Confirmed – St. Johns by the Sea – Tampa
July	4	1915	First date with Arnett
Nov		1915	moved to 509 ½ Bay St.
May	30	1916	Daddy died
			Mother had teeth extracted
June		1916	Arnett enlisted
Sept		1916	Arnett sent to Mexican border
Mar		1917	Arnett returned
June	6	1917	War declared against Germany – World War I
			Arnett sent to Macon, Ga
			We moved to Hyde Park Ave (<i>Tampa</i>)– Sulgrave Court
June	1	1918	I went to Bowen-McFeat Business College, Columbia, S.C.
June		1918	Arnett sent to France – 3 rd A.S.M. (<i>Air Service Mechanics?</i>) at Romorantin (<i>France</i>)

July	18	1919	Arnett returned to U.S.A.

July	26	1920	Sister and Guy (Nickerson) married – Lakeland, Fla
Sept		1920	Moved to 519 Bay St.

Feb	28	1921	Arnett and I married – St. Andrews (<i>Episcopal</i>) Church, Tampa
Sept		1921	Sister (<i>and Guy</i>) moved to 104 Cardy St. (<i>Tampa</i>)
Oct		1921	moved to bungalowette – storm – Grandmother Arnett (<i>Martha Tavner Dunlap</i>) died, Atlanta
Dec	7	1921	Arnett Bernard born - Tampa

June	18	1922	Bernard christened – St. Johns, Tampa
	21	1922	Took up homestead on Merritt Island, Fla
Aug		1922	Bernard and I to island visiting Arnett
Oct	13	1922	Went to Island to live.
Dec		1922	Bernard took first steps.

Mar		1923	Had land surveyed.
Apr		1923	Watsons and Margaret (<i>Margaret Taylor & Amanda Watson were sisters, maternal aunts of Arnett Taylor</i>) visited us.
June		1923	Taylors (<i>Arnett's parents</i>) moved to 210 Albany (<i>Tampa</i>)
June-Sept		1923	Worked for Hedrick & Bentley – Grey Co (<i>Tampa: Sarah & Bernard returned to Tampa for the hot, unhealthy summer months</i>)
Sept		1923	Bernard finally talked.

Sept.		1924	Bernard and I stayed with Frances Hoover Hamler (<i>Tampa</i>)
Oct	13	1924	Frances and I caught in flood going to Island
Dec		1924	Taylors (<i>Arnett's parents</i>) came for Christmas Mother's furniture burned. (<i>warehouse arson; many things of sentimental & intrinsic value lost; no insurance</i>)

Apr	6	1925	Edmund (<i>Arnett's brother</i>) and Maude Perry married –
May		1925	Went to Atlanta for summer. Arnett's teeth fixed. Sold 40 acres Island land. Bun and I to N. & SC
Sept		1925	Bought Overland – our first car. \$650.00 complete Moved to Ellicott Ave

June		1926	Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) operated on. Polly shipped (<i>expelled</i>) from Winthrop (<i>college, SC</i>) for smoking. Nursed me thru pleurisy. Arnett at Atlantic Tire Co. Went to station at Fivay Junction (<i>Land O' Lakes; a service station with living quarters above</i>)
Sept		1926	Storm and visited mother in Sebring. (<i>where she taught languages & algebra at Sebring High</i>)

April	30	1927	Nancy Taylor born (<i>to Edmund & Maude</i>) – Tampa
June		1927	Bun and I to KY. – Polly and Sandy (<i>Justice, of Chapel Hill, NC</i>) married
Aug	12	1927	moved to Maple Ave (<i>Tampa</i>)

	19	1927	Went to work for Huttig
Oct	31	1927	Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) and Martha (<i>Taylor, Arnett's sister</i>) married – Frankfort, KY
Nov		1927	Taylors (<i>Arnett's parents</i>) came from KY to live with us (<i>because they didn't want Bernard in day nursery while Sarah worked</i>).

June	20	1928	Arnett went to Sebring (<i>offered grove work and house by his brother-in-law, Guy Nickerson</i>).
July		1928	Bernard's tonsils out.
Aug	21	1928	Rest of us to Sebring.
Sept	19	1928	Hurricane
	23	1928	Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) down from N.Y.
Dec	9	1928	Judy born. Sebring, Fla

Apr	13	1929	Judy christened – St. Agnes, Sebring
Sept		1929	Taylors went to Eustis
Dec	15	1929	I wrecked Willys-Knight (<i>with her mother and Bernard in the car – all most fortunate to escape injury</i>)

Jan	3	1930	Aunt Fannie McIntosh died
Mar	9	1930	Judy fractured collar bone
Apr		1930	Taylors returned Children had whooping-cough
June	30	1930	Judy cut eye – 3 stitches needed
Sept		1930	Taylors (<i>Arnett's parents</i>) returned to Eustis Sister and Guy moved 823 S. Blvd. (<i>Tampa</i>)

Feb		1931	Bernard inflammation of kidneys
May		1931	Arnett dislocated knee
June		1931	Bought Willys-Knight
Aug		1931	Sylvans moved from Claremont
Sept		1931	Polly granted divorce from Sandy Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) hurt foot
Oct	12	1931	Arnett entered Naval Hospital, Pensacola, for knee Bernard started clarinet
Nov	3	1931	Arnett's knee operated on
Dec	1	1931	" returned from hospital
	4	1931	Staff and Book Club organized (<i>Sarah was among charter members of this cultural & social group, still in existence at least into the 1980s.</i>)

Feb	16	1932	Judy had hookworms.
	26	1932	Bernard got his bicycle.
June		1932	Polly received M.A. from U. of N.C. & came to Florida
Sept	27	1932	Arnett started work for Sebring Exchange Guy (<i>Nickerson</i>) had coronary thrombosis We moved to town from grove and Taylors came to live with us.
Dec	15	1932	I had tonsillitis
	25	1932	Polly with us first Christmas in 8 years.

Mar	6	1933	Children and I had flu
	15		I had relapse, really ill
Easter		1933	In Tampa to recuperate. Guy downstairs but very weak.
May	7		Had my tonsils removed. Arnett converted truck into tractor
June	4		Arnett left for Nassau (<i>employment in shark fishing industry?</i>)
July	3		Bernard joined mother & Polly in N.C.
Aug	19		Moved to Dinner Lake (<i>Sebring</i>)
Sept	3-4		Storm
	27		Bernard arrived from Tampa with Perro (<i>small, dear dog, beagle/terrier mix</i>)
Nov	12		Martha & Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) arrived from N.Y.
Dec	1		Guy and Sister down – first time in over a year
June			Maude and Edmund (<i>Taylor</i>) divorced Edmund and Mildred married

Jan		1934	Arnett ran cactus in knee Polly began job in Orlando Judy lost first tooth
Feb	3		Guy (<i>Nickerson</i>) in bed again – Madre (<i>his mother?</i>) died
Mar			Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) failing steadily – angina pectoris
	15		Guy had endema
Apr	2		Judy had tonsillitis Judy and Bernard had measles
	4		Uncle Claude Williams died
	28		I began wearing glasses
July	4		The end came for Guy 9:30 last nite. Mother went over yesterday.
	5		Guy buried in Woodlawn. Sweet and simple service in St. Andrews.
	19		Bernard got bicycle. First one was stolen.
Aug	4		Mother and sister left for Chicago. Polly in Madison, Wisc. (<i>graduate school</i>)
	9		Arnett and Taylors left for Ky.
	18		Children and I left for N.C. to join mother (<i>in</i>) Brevard.
Sept	14		Headed homeward – visited at Gonzales in Columbia
	22		Judy lost upper tooth
	24		Judy began school
	29		Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) entered hospital in Frankfort (<i>KY</i>)
Oct	24		Judy terrible earache
Nov	8		Edmund (<i>Taylor</i>) operated on – appendicitis
	9		Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) out of hospital
Dec	1		Sister (<i>Elizabeth Nickerson</i>) began working, Florida Citrus Exchange (<i>a job she was to continue until in her 60s</i>)
	7		Bernard 13 years old – had nite party
	8		Judy had party – six tomorrow
	9		Bun developed mumps
	11		Worst freeze since 1894 – down to 16 degrees in spots.
	22		Sister and Polly moved to 2904 Aquillo (<i>Aquilla?</i>)

Jan	4	1935	I had flu.

	8		Geo. & Frances Buell here for nite
May	14-20		Judy and I to Augusta with Maxine Martin
June	14	1935	Bernard presented with Legion Medal and became 2 nd class Scout
	15		Moved to country – mother to Tampa
	26		Mother, new car and teeth, down with Polly for nite
Jul	24		Bernard to Scout camp at Auburndale
	28		Got Willy 77. Converted Willy-Knight to truck
	29		Edmund H. Taylor III (" <i>Buddy</i> ") born – Chicago
Aug	1		Got electric ice box
	15		Arnett began grove caretaking
Sept	1		got cow – Bushy
	3-4		Slight storm here. Bad in Keys. Over 400 ex-soldiers drowned
Oct			Judy promoted to 3 rd grade – not yet 7 hears old
Nov			Dunlap home burned. (<i>old home place in KY – well built, fine wood. The fire burned very slowly, so they were able to retrieve some woodwork even while the fire burned, to rebuild.</i>)
Dec	25		Mother ill with flu and pleurisy – New drug – sulfa – tried on her.

Feb	1	1936	Bernard began alto clarinet
	21		Watsons (<i>Amanda & William, Arnett's maternal aunt & uncle</i>) arrived in Eustis to live
	28		Our 15 th anniversary. Sebrings, Percys and Max Martin out to play Monopoly. Gave punch bowl. Judy had chicken pox Arnett had chicken pox
May			(<i>Sarah was</i>) Elected president of (<i>Staff &</i>) Book Club
June			Bought mattress Emme (<i>Sarah's first cousin, daughter of Mamie – sister of Nina McI - & Franklin Fielding</i>) received legacy Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) on Caribbean cruise
	25		Received Bonus Bonds. Put addition on house.
Sept	15		Maude (<i>E.H. Taylor's first wife</i>) married to a David S. Barrow.

Jan		1937	Floods in Ohio Valley. Aunt Jouett (<i>Cannon of Frankfort, KY – Arnett's paternal aunt</i>) forced to leave her home via window.
Mar			Martha went to work for N.Y. Worlds Fair. Uncle Ernest (<i>Dunlap</i>) gave the Arnett sisters (<i>Mary – Arnett's mother, Amanda Watson and Margaret Taylor</i>) \$5,000.00 each Cousin Nell and Mrs. McDowell visited Sebring Bought 2 nd tractor & International truck I went to Palm Beach with band (<i>Bernard in high school band</i>)
Apr	27		Bought Dodge sedan
June	4		Bernard won scholarship medal
	5		Left for Rock Hill and N.C. (<i>with Judy for band competition at Winthrop College</i>) Aunt Lucile (<i>Sylvan – Nina McI's half-sister</i>) had stroke Polly and Arnett joined us in N.C. – Mother to Va. to school

Sept 22 Uncle Gus (*Gustaf Sylvan – Lucile’s husband*) retired from Sylvan Bros. (*jewelry store in Columbia, SC*) after 40 years
21 Bernard (5’10” – 160 lbs) left for Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S.C. Bernard to be known hereafter as Arnett B. Taylor
Judy not yet 9 and in 5th grade

Oct 17 1937 Mary Ann born (*to Edmund & Mildred Taylor*) – 8 lbs 10 oz. – Chicago
Oct 19 Mr. Willie Gonzales (*ambassador to Cuba/Peru & friend and patron of Emme Fielding*) died

Dec 8 Arnett B. confirmed by Bishop Thomas. Church of Holy Communion, Charleston, S.C.
12 John Ferguson died very suddenly.
18 Arnett B. home for holidays
23 Arnett B’s first dance – given him by mother

Jan 1 1938 Perro died
17 got Togs (*English bull female*) – sister’s and Polly’s gift
31 Mother, sister & Polly in collision. No one hurt. Sister shocked

May 26 Alida Gonzales McMaster (*Lehr’s friend*) killed herself, Ft. Bliss, Texas
31 Arnett B. out of school for summer. Arnett drove to Charleston for him.

Nov 15 Rogers and Taylor formed (*Arnett and partner in grove caretaking business*)

Jan 29 1939 Judy confirmed by Bishop Robt. E. Gribben of Western N.C. – Church of Redeemer, Avon Park. Arnett, mother and I present.
May 20 Went to Charleston for Bernard. Infantile paralysis epidemic caused cancellation of exercises.
Bernard won scholarship & essay medals, his platoon first place in drill.
May 27 Mother’s last day at school – retiring.
Judy promoted to Junior High.
June 1 Rogers & Taylor purchased Sebring Groves Corp.
14-15 Bernard stood Coast Guard exams in Tampa. Received grades for appointment but failed physical because of nervousness making high pulse.
21 Bernard left for Charleston, Edenton, N.C. & N.Y.
July 1 Went to Eustis to see Taylors off to N.Y. (*Arnett’s parents to visit daughter Martha Gillette and see World’s Fair*)
10 Judy at Camp St. Mary, Avon Park.
Aug 2 Bernard home from N.Y., Arnett elected to Rotary Club
Oct 15 Polly to N.Y. for her vacation.
22 Bernard back at Porter (*Military Academy, Charleston, SC*) doing P.G.

Jan 26-28 1940 Three nights of 20 degree temperature. Judy saw first icicle
Judy had tonsillitis, Arnett with his back, mother with pleurisy.
31 First social security checks issued

Feb 8 Dad (*Taylor*) had slight stroke affecting speech & right side.
Mar Bernard to Edenton, N.C. for Easter holiday
My first trip to Miami

Feb 29 Top Taylor (*Lawrence, Arnett’s first cousin, son of Margaret & Lawrence*) married Fern Zeigler.

Mar Jack and Mary Steele (*KY relatives*) here for one nite.
Uncle Ernest (*Dunlap*) gave 410 Magnolia (*in Eustis, FL*) to Mrs. Taylor (*Arnett's mother*) and Aunt Mannie (*Watson, her sister*). They've renovated and moved in.

Apr 6 1940 Arnett sole owner of Sebring Groves Corp.
Apr14-16 Arnett delegate to Rotary Conference in Hollywood, Fla. I accompanied him.

May 31 We, including mother, to Charleston for Bernard's P.G. commencement. Stayed with Buell's (*Martha McI and George Sr.*). Saw Marineland on way home.

June 19 Dad (*Taylor*) suffered 2nd stroke
July 12 Judy to Arcadia for week to visit Pat Williams
Aug 1 Mother's first retirement check.
16 Paul & Martha (*Gillette*) came.
20 Gillettes and Bernard to Eustis & Charleston
Sept 30 Bernard won full scholarship to College of Charleston. Coaching tennis at Porter for his room and board.

Oct 16 National Registration Day (*for military draft*)
19 Sister in hospital – lung abscess.
22 Larry born to Top & Fern Taylor – Eustis
Dec 24 Bernard home for Christmas
26 Went to Eustis. Martha there from Charleston.

Feb 7 1941 Arnett closed out Sebring Groves Corp.
15 Bernard received principal's appointment from Sen. Claude Pepper to Annapolis
20 Susan Arnett born to Mary and Jack Steele (*in KY*)
Mar 8 Nell Watson (*Arnett's first cousin, daughter of Amanda & William*) married to Norman R. Kerrick – Eustis
Apr 10 Bernard home for Easter holidays.
June 3 Mary Taylor (*Arnett's first cousin, daughter of Margaret & Lawrence*) married to Howard Simpson – Eustis
4 Togs had seven cur pups
23 Arnett in Tampa for instruction on job with Superior Fertilizer Co. Mother staying with Judy and me. Hard times for Judy. (*euphemistically noting the beginning of menstruation*)
29 Arnett to Winter Haven to begin job. Bernard to Annapolis tomorrow for physical.
July 12 Wire received today. Bernard is in Annapolis.
We to Eustis. Pick Arnett up in Winter Haven.
Safely home. Judy stayed in Eustis. Taylors very feeble
23 I began working for Frank Baile.
Aug 13 Transferred to Cleary Bros. Building airport here. War seems unavoidable.
Bernard in hospital with broken leg. Soccer.
Sept 5 Billy Baine born to Top & Fern (*Taylor*) – Eustis
Dec 5 Moved to Winter Haven
7 Bernard's 20th birthday momentous in that Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.
We are at war.

Dec 9 1941 Judy's 13th birthday – busy getting settled.
 Dec 25 1941 Our boy home for Christmas. By plane from Charleston. Looks fine in his uniform

 Jan 16 1942 Martha Vail McDonald (*from Sebring*) visiting Judy
 Jan 17 Mr. Heston died. I am so full of regret I wasn't there to help her.
 (*Neighbors in the Sebring country house*)
 Mar 27 Edmund, Mil & children here. Mother has pleurisy again.
 Apr 29 Judy had mumps on both sides.
 May 4 Arnett examined for hernia but Dr. Simpson says operation not needed
 14 Gillettes here after Silver Meteor wreck.
 21 Bernard home on leave; full fledged youngster
 30 Taylors here. (*Arnett's parents, all their three children together still visiting?*)
 June 26 Uncle George (*Buell, Sr – Charleston, SC*) died yesterday from a stroke.
 July 1 Gillettes returned to N.Y.
 4 Arnett, Judy and I took folks back to Eustis – probably our last trip anywhere due to gas and rubber shortage.
 4 Bernard at Lido Beach with Tampans.
 13 Bernard left for Charleston. Must report at N.A. by 10:00 a.m. 18th
 Aug 6 Arnett got reading glasses
 13 I got bifocal glasses
 17 Arnett began work for Tom Swann – Interstate Grove Properties
 Leased Sebring house to Tucker for one year
 21 Judy had tonsillitis
 Made down payment on 649 Ave. J, N.W.
 Sept 5 Polly down for her vacation
 7 Moved into new home – our nicest.
 9 I began work for Interstate Inv. Co
 Oct 10 To Tampa for a coat and brought mother home.
 9 Judy tonsillitis again
 15 Judy got bicycle
 27 Jack Herrick, after graduating 2nd in class at Great Lakes Naval School is in Cal. Nell (*his wife, Arnett's first cousin*) in Chicago. In Service:
 Chas Lindsay, Jr
 Lt. Walter McIntosh
 May. Geo. Buell
 Frances Buell (WAC)
 Jack Herrick
 Paul Gillette
 Billy McIntosh
 Hartwell Spellings (*husband of Martha McI*)
 Bill Watson (*Nell Watson Herrick's brother*)
 Polly – airplane filter center & taking course in radio at Tampa U.
 Sister – (*Elizabeth Nickerson*) motor corps
 Arnett – air raid warden
 I, Red Cross Staff assistant
 Frances Sylvan – Red Cross Staff Assistant & Jr. Red Cross organizer

Aunt Mannie (*Watson*) & Margaret (*Aunt, a Taylor*) – airplane spotters

Oct	28	1942	Howard Jas Jr born to Howard and Mary (<i>Simpson</i>) – Eustis
Dec	6		Mother been ill with chills & fever. Is with us. Mrs. Taylor (<i>Arnett's mother</i>) had pneumonia Judy initiated into P.A.K. (<i>high school sorority</i>)
Dec	6		Suffering worst drought in history Jack Herrick in Pearl Harbor
	10		Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) had another stroke
	21		Mother returned to Tampa with Mr. Sample
	24		Bernard home on leave.
	25		A very warm Christmas
	29		Bernard left at midnite via ACL (<i>Atlantic Coast Line</i>)

Jan	24	1943	Cousin Annie Lee Montjoy died – bad fall
Feb	1		Taking shots for threatened rheumatism in right arm Arnett's back bad again. Sold Sebring house
	19		Judy sprained her ankle.
	27		Judy had tonsils out. Very wild coming out of ether.
Mar	20		Uncle (<i>William</i>) Watson 80 years old. Almost blind from cataracts
May			Jack Herrick on Midway Island, Geo. Buell in Iran.
June	1		Arnett working for Florence C.G.A.
	5		Wm Dunlap born to Bill (<i>Arnett's first cousin</i>) and Elizabeth Watson
	12		Martha & Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) moving to Washington Bernard home for summer leave.
July	13		Judy to Tampa for dancing lessons.
Aug	16		Uncle (<i>William</i>) Watson died.
	29		Dear Mrs. Taylor died this morning (<i>thus Aunt Mannie lost her husband and her sister, all of the same household, within 2 weeks.</i>)
Sept	1		Brought Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) to live with us, brave but so frail. Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) here.
	25		Tampa family (<i>Nina McI, Elizabeth Nickerson, Polly Justice</i>) moved to their new home 813 S. Packwood
Nov	7		Mother taken desperately ill on train to Savannah for Polly's wedding. Arnett's eye operated on
	8		Polly married to Francis Brady in Presbyterian church, Savannah. Mother in hospital there. Sister and I there.
	16		Mother brought to Tampa hospital in ambulance.
Dec	1		Arnett has "Pacific Coast Infection" in both eyes
	14		Mother home from hospital at last Frank (<i>Brady</i>) in Tampa before going across (<i>to Europe</i>)
	22		Judy to her first formal dance
	23		Bernard home.
	29		Bernard to Columbia by B-25 – a two hour trip from Tampa Paul and Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) in Gulfport, Miss.

Jan	24	1944	Arnett resigned from F.C.G.A. Mother still in bed. Laurie Taylor (<i>Lawrence, Margaret's husband</i>) also.

Mar	7		Arnett working for Citrus Inspection Bureau. Mother able to walk outdoors Frank (<i>Brady</i>) in England.
Mar	19	1944	Martha here for short visit from Miss.
	30		Togs had attack of paralysis.
Apr	5		Polly gone on vacation – will see Bernard for Easter
	7		Dad (<i>Taylor</i>) died, 5:30 a.m. so very peacefully
	8		Buried in Eustis
	16		Robt. Lawrence born to Howard and Mary Simpson (<i>she – Arnett's first cousin</i>)
	29		My first permanent wave
May	3		Judy elected to school student council
	17		Paul sailed for South Pacific
	19		Judy's Junior Senior Banquet
	25		Uncle Jim (<i>Dr. James McIntosh, Columbia, SC</i>) had slight stroke
	30		got Nash car Arnett Judy and I to June Week at Annapolis
June	7		Arnett B. graduated from U.S.N.A. – 175 in class of 915.
	10		Left Bernard at Naval Air Station in Jacksonville
July	9		Bernard to Key West Arnett to Homestead on inspection
Aug	26		Judy and me to Homestead, on to Key West and brot Nard back
Sept	2		Bernard came to W.H. in his newly bought Ford. Uncle Jim (<i>Dr. McI, Columbia, SC</i>) died
	9		Bernard to Columbia, Ky. and on to New London, Conn
	21		Paddypaws died (<i>much-loved, elderly cocker spaniel of Sarah's mother, Nina</i>)
	24		Mary Frances, Theon & Max to see us. (<i>Sarah's dear friends, the CATS, from Sebring</i>)
Oct	7		My back strained – very painful
	28		Aunt Martha (<i>Mrs. George Buell, Sr. – Charleston, SC</i>) died this morning
Dec	9		Judy's 16 th birthday
	24		We three to Tampa for Christmas – our first without Bernard – he in Montclair, N.J. (<i>visiting Mary Batt and family</i>)
	26		Judy's eyes tested – glasses not needed Young Edmund (<i>Taylor, III</i>) ill with nephritis and mumps Polly had hysterectomy – doing well

Jan	13	1945	Arnett B. got in at 1:30 a.m. with five days before flying from Columbia to Frisco and then the South Pacific. Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) on Tinian (<i>Pacific Island near Saipan in the Philippine Sea</i>) – Frank (<i>Brady</i>) in France.
	20		Took A.B. to Orlando where he took the plane to Columbia.
Feb	10		A.B. going to Treasure Island (<i>CA</i>). To leave in two days by transport.
Apr	7		Judy and I to Sebring – stayed with Theon Sebring
	12		President Roosevelt died at 3:35 p.m.
	20		News from Bernard at last from Australia. Letter written March 29 th . Assigned USS Chub (SS-329) on 5/5/45

	21		Arnett left for Alabama – inspection potatoes
May	30	1945	I had slight operation – cysts removed
June	11		Judy graduated from High School. Full house – Arnett, Mother, sister, Polly, Mary Elizabeth Bunnell (<i>Judy's friend from Eustis</i>).
			Judy awarded Martin Scholarship at St Mary's, Raleigh, N.C.
Jun			No news from Arnett B. since May 3 rd , letter written Apr 21.
			Mother stayed for visit
Aug	3		Arnett home from S.C.
	10		Arnett left for Long Island
	13		Judy vaccinated & first typhoid shot.
	14		Peace - the end of the War.
	16		Judy diphtheria shot
	18		I got new glasses
Sept	2		Edmund and family (<i>Mil, Buddy, Mary Ann Taylor</i>) arrived to live in Florida (<i>staying with Sarah and Arnett</i>)
	6		Judy left for Washington (<i>with Virginia Wise to visit Martha Gillette – our graduation gift</i>) – then St. Mary's (<i>and Virginia to Duke</i>)
Oct	5		I left for N.Y. to join Arnett
	21		Arnett started inspecting in Eustis
	30		Frank (<i>Brady</i>) home and discharged
Nov	16		Arnett had last of upper teeth out
Dec	19		Judy home for holidays (<i>by train</i>)

Jan	1	1946	Judy returned to Raleigh
	24		Sister had breast removed – a benign tumor
Feb	1		Priestly Welch (<i>Arnett B's long-time Charleston friend</i>) left in Arnett B's car for San Diego (<i>to pick him up coming home from Pacific</i>).
	5		Arnett B. safe home from World War II in San Diego
			Laurie (<i>Lawrence</i>) Taylor died this morning (<i>husband of Arnett's Aunt Margaret</i>)
	18		Arnett B. and Mary Batt arrived at 10:30 p.m.
	20		" " engaged
	21		Arnett came home with his new teeth in
	28		Our 25 th anniversary
Mar	1		A.B. and I drove Mary to Jax to take plane
	5		A.B. left via plane from Tampa for Calif. Reservations to New Orleans only.
	7		(Reached Dago at 4:00 a.m.)
	3		Sold 649 Ave J. N.W.
	8		My final day at Mr. Swann's office
	14		Furniture sent to storage. I joined Arnett in Eustis at Margaret's (<i>his aunt whose husband recently died</i>).
	30		Sold Arnett B's car
Apr	6		Fern Taylor (<i>wife of Arnett's first cousin</i>) burned (<i>badly, in some kind of accident</i>)
	7		Took Togs to Tampa to board at Mrs. Miller's.
			Saw family and introduced the E.H.Ts.
	26		Arnett and I left for Alabama (<i>for his work with Federal and State fruit and vegetable inspection</i>)

May	6		Arnett B sailed on Chub for Pearl
June	4	1946	Judy joined us (<i>from St. Mary's</i>) in Robertsdale, Ala
	12		Left Robertsdale for Perry, Ga
July	3		Left Perry for Greenville, Ga
Jul	12		“ Greenville for Frankfort, Ky. Saw Aunt Mannie (<i>Watson</i>) and Herricks (<i>her daughter Nell, and husband</i>) in Atlanta
	25		Arrived at Batt's, Montclair, J.J. Mother flew from Tampa, she and Bernard already there for wedding
	27		Arnett B. and Mary married in 1 st Presbyterian Church, Orange, N.J. Judy maid-of-honor. Priestly Welch best man. Gene Sebring an usher, only others we knew. Martha there from Washington.
	29		Left Montclair for Geo. Crooks' (<i>Gillette friend</i>) in Douglaston, L.I.
	31		Arrived, with mother, Riverhead, L.I. (<i>Arnett there on potato inspection</i>) Sister on tour of Canada with Agnes Weed
Aug	6		Arnett B. and Mary phoned from Montclair. Fine honeymoon in Bermuda. Leave in morning. Frisco.
	22		Mary Margaret born to Nell & Jack – 8 lbs 2 oz
	23		Judy to Bristol L.I. to visit Cynthia McCaw (<i>St. Mary's roommate</i>)
	24		Took Mother to N.Y. to catch plane for Tampa
	31		Eugene & Theion Sebring to L.I. to see us.
Sept	16		Judy returned St. Mary's Arnett's back out of place again
	28		Left L.I. for home. Stopped by Washington (<i>with Martha Gillette</i>).
Oct	4		In Raleigh for weekend with Judy. Togs taken to Edmund's (<i>Winter Haven</i>)
	9		Back in Eustis after 9000 miles of travel. Mother's elbow being operated on – bursitis
	10		Arnett B. sailing in Chub for Pearl. Mary flying.
Nov	11		Arnett B. left for China Sea duty. Paul home at last.
Dec	11		Miss Greylish died.
	19		Judy home for holidays.
	24		Paul and Martha here for Christmas
	27		X-rays taken of Arnett's back. It is broken

Jan	2	1947	Put Judy on train at Wildwood to return to Raleigh
Feb	5-10		Temperature down to 24, 25 and 26 degrees. Sleet on 9 th .
	14		Lunched with Batts in Belleair; mother with us.
	19		Report from Mobile, T.B. X-ray on me negative.
Mar	18		To Washington to have operation on Arnett's back.
	20		Picked up Judy & Cindy McCaw in Raleigh
	25		Arnett entered Bethesda Naval Hospital (<i>Sarah stayed with Gillettes.</i>)
	27		My first snow-fall of about one inch
Apr	9		Margaret Markland born to Peg & So Palmer (<i>Mary Batt's sister</i>)
	11		Sliver of bone taken from Arnett's back for analysis.
	19		Judy initiated to Sigma Pi Alpha – Honorary National Language Fraternity Stitches removed from Arnett's back. He discharged from hospital. No operation.
	30		Arnett got his back brace.
May	9		Judy & Cindy McCaw here in D.C. for long weekend.

	31		Left D.C. for Raleigh.
June	2	1947	Judy graduated from St. Mary's.
	4		Arrived back in Eustis with Cindy & Judy.
Aug	13		Bought 813 Citrus from Top & Fern Taylor
Aug	15		Mr. McChesney died
	21		Judy ill with malaria
	27		Furniture arrived from Lakeland.
	29		Our first night in our new home.
Sept	7		Brought mother for visit and Togs from W.H.
	17		Mother & I drove Judy to Tallahassee. (<i>entering Fla. State Univ as junior transfer student</i>)
			Hurricane caused us little damage but lots to East Coast.
	25		Uncle Ernest (<i>Dunlap – KY</i>) died this morning
Oct	27		Aunt Lucile (<i>Sylvan – Columbia, SC</i>) had breast removed.
	28		Gene Sebring (<i>one of Sarah & Arnett's foursome of friendly couples in Sebring</i>) took his life
	30		Got Dodge coach (<i>sedan</i>)
Nov	5		Arnett B on Chub, Mary on naval transport, sailing from Honolulu for States
Dec	7		To Tampa to help nurse mother ill with another kidney attack
	11		Mil's (<i>Mildred Taylor</i>) sister Adeline died. Mil in Chicago.
	18		Judy arrived for holidays.

Jan	5	1948	Margaret (<i>Taylor – Eustis</i>) in hospital – pulmonary endema. Under oxygen tent.
	10		1:00 a.m. Mary and Arnett B., Judy & Charlie arrived on leave.
	13		Judy returned to Tally.
	15-16		Freeze – down to 22 degrees.
	18		Aunt Jouett in hospital, intestinal obstruction. Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) there.
	22		Nard and Mary to Tampa, then Key West.
Feb	25		Aunt Jouett (<i>Cannon – Frankfort, KY</i>) at home again.
Mar	9		Grandmother Dugan (<i>Mary Batt's maternal grandmother</i>) died
	11		Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) left for Caribbean
	18		Judy home for Spring Holidays. Steeles (<i>Mary and Jack – KY cousins</i>) here for two days
	26		Judy, Ginny Fisher (<i>Judy's college roommate</i>), Arnett and Mary here for Easter
Apr	6		Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) and Grace Brown arrived
	8		Margaret (<i>Taylor, Eustis</i>) back in hospital under oxygen
	20		Paul Kelley born to Bill & Elizabeth Watson (<i>Arnett's first cousin</i>)
	30		Martha & Grace returned to Va.
May	15		Arnett B. and Mary arrived from Key West.
	19		Margaret (<i>Taylor – Eustis</i>) died today – 3:15 p.m.
	21		“ buried. Arnett and Mary left for Conn.
			Nard has been assigned to U.S.S. Sarda, (SS-488)
June	5		Judy home for her last college summer vacation.
July	7		Philip Arnett born to Mil and Edmund (<i>Taylor</i>) – 8 lb. 5 oz.
	8		I began work at Palm Pharmacy (<i>Top Taylor inherited the drug store from his father, Laurie/Lawrence</i>)

Aug	10		Arnett left for S.C. (<i>Fed/State fruit/veg inspection</i>)
	1	1948	" to Penn. "
	10		Judy (<i>by bus</i>) to N.Y., to Conn. to visit Nard and Memmy, and to Bristol (<i>RI</i>) to serve in Cynthia McCaw's wedding
Sept	10		Began work at Mathers (<i>furniture store</i>)
	15		Got Margaret's (<i>Taylor</i>) refrigerator
	25		Judy home from N.Y. – mother here
	30		Judy to Tally for Senior year
Oct	9		Sister here from Jamaica (<i>vacation</i>) – Arnett home from Pa.
Dec	6		Hurt my back
	8		Fritter (<i>cocker spaniel of Lehr's or Polly's</i>) died
	18		Judy home for holidays
	31		Back X-rays and physical

Jan	19	1949	Got Spencer support (<i>for back</i>).
			Sister had house (<i>in Tampa</i>) gassed for Termites
April	8		Martha operated on for tumors
May	8		Mother's Day – Entered (<i>osteopathic, in Orlando</i>) hospital for back rest
June	6		Judy was graduated from F.S.U. Only Edmund and Arnett able to attend.
	12		Home from hospital
	24		Aunt Jouett (<i>Cannon – Frankfort, KY</i>) died at 1:00 a.m. Arnett leaving for Ky. (<i>He was her executor.</i>)
July	1		Mother & sister here for long weekend.
	9		Arnett back from Ky.
	17		" left for S.C. on peaches (<i>inspection</i>)
	26		I left for Charleston to visit Arnett B. & Memmy.
	29		Arnett in Charleston for weekend
Aug	1		" to Penna. (<i>inspection</i>)
	24		Back home from Charleston. Mother flew with me to Jax (<i>Jacksonville</i>). She'd been in Charleston ten days.
	27		Returned to work.
			Hurricane – not too much damage here
Sept	1		Aunt Mannie (<i>Watson</i>) had small scalp tumor removed.
	7		Judy had 2 nd tonsillectomy
			Cousin Bessie (<i>KY cousin</i>) broke hip
	8		Sister to Mexico City with Frieda Salomonson
Oct	1		Judy to S.C. Visit A.B.Ts. and hunt job
	3		Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) in Portsmouth Hospital – undulant fever
	19		Arnett home from Pa.
	25		Judy began work with Tampa Daily Times.
Dec	23		Arnett (<i>B</i>) and Mems here for Christmas – brought Happy (<i>beagle puppy</i>). To Tampa for two days. First time mother had all her progeny together since our marriages.

Jan	7	1950	Judy's first by-line
Mar	15		Received legacy from Aunt Jouett's (<i>Cannon-KY</i>) estate.
May	13		Judy home for Mother's Day. Brought my electric sewing machine.
	14		Leonard Page (<i>husband of Marion Buell, George's sister – no children</i>) died

	15		Got light grey Dodge sedan.
May	28	1950	Arnett to S.C. on vegetables (<i>inspection</i>) – short citrus season here.
June	18		To Tampa – gave Happy to Mayers (<i>unable to care well for him with jobs and travel</i>)
Jun	20		Joined Arnett – Ridgeland S.C.
	23		With Gillettes in Norfolk for weekend. Paul maintenance officer at Naval Air Station. On to Penna.
July	8		Visited Niagara Falls – overwhelmed.
	13		Bill Heston died (<i>cancer – close to Judy's age</i>)
Aug	10		Left North East, Penna.
	12		Visited Batts in Morristown N.J.
	14		“ children (<i>Arnett B & Mary</i>) in Groton for week. Arnett out for one day's operations on Sarda – eight dives.
Oct	7		Home again after pleasant summer. Natural Bridge and Columbia, S.C. en route south, then Tampa Margaret Taylor Simpson, 7 lbs 10 oz, born to Howard & Mary (<i>Arnett's first cousin – Mt. Dora, FL</i>)
Dec	25		Arnett and I to Tampa for two days with Judy and relatives. Mother frail and eyes bad.

Jan	25	1951	Arnett B. received shore duty assignment – teaching in sub school, New London
	30		“ commissioned full lieutenant.
Feb	1		Coldest in 50 years – 5000 stock dead; sleet snow and ice over north & central Florida.
	3		Judy has helper to do her routine work. Has had two raises.
	11		Arnett and Mary phoned to inform us that we will be grandparents in October.
Apr	18		Arnett (<i>Sr.</i>) operated on – hemorrhoids
May	1		“ home from hospital
June	9		Arnett left for Ga. (<i>inspection</i>)
	20		To Lakeland to set up hooks for Mother
	30		Mother to visit me
July	5		“ had bad fall injuring knee & leg
	28		Arnett home from Ga.
	29		Mother back to Tampa
Aug	6		To Everglades to visit Percys (<i>friends of Sebring days</i>)
	12		Judy here and Arnett left for Pa.
Sept	12		Deal closed for sale 813 Citrus Ave.
	29		Arnett B. called, our first grandchild born at 8:45 p.m. 7 ½ lbs. Not yet named. Mary fine.
Nov	6		Our baby christened, Mary Robinson. Irena Shafto, Flo Smith, Priestly Welch god parents.
			Judy another promotion and raise – cultural and federal reporter
Dec	6		Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) again in hospital – no use left leg.
	18		Terrible tragedy – Mary & Howard's (<i>Simpsons</i>) baby Margaret drowned in their lake.

21-30 Arnett and I to Morristown, N.J. to spend holidays with Batts & children and meet our darling Robin. Judy there – surprise – for 24th & 25th.

Dec 25 1951 My first white Christmas.
28 To Phila. to see Martha (*Gillette*), some better, in wheelchair, still no diagnosis.

Mar 3 1952 Robin's birthmark removed by surgery.
Purchased Lake Dorr (*Umatilla, FL*) property with Gillettes.
4 Solon III born to Peg & So Jr. (*Palmer – Mibby's sister*)
13 Mather Furniture had fire.
May 20 Deal closed (*on*) purchase of 1514 Washington
23 Alex Dunlap died – Lexington, Ky.
May 27 Moved to 1514 Washington
June 7 Began leave from Mather's
9-11 Visited in Tampa
15 To Ga. on peaches
Aug 10 Back to Eustis
15 Picked Judy up in Tampa on to Chambersburg, Pa
21 Joined Paul & Martha (*Gillette*) in Caledonia Park cottage
31 Judy flew home from Washington DC
Sept 4 Arnett & Mary to C-burg for 2 days. I returned to Groton with them via nite in Morristown N.J.
14 Arnett Sr. arrived in Groton from Pa.
26 Left for Fla.
28 Arrived Eustis – 1130 miles
Oct 1 Arnett returned to inspection.
7 Poll brot mother for little visit. Sister in Tryon N.C. on vacation. Mother ill all visit.
12 Mother returned Tampa via ambulance.
20 Sister here.
30 Hurt back again. Doctor thinks strained muscle from nursing mother.
Nov 20 Aunt Mannie (*Watson*) in hospital
27 Thanksgiving Day – Aunt Mannie had slight stroke. Nell & Wm here
Dec 17 Our first grandson, James Arnett born 9:30 p.m. 8 lbs. 2 oz.
25 To Tampa for day only.

Jan 2 1953 Aunt Mannie home
31 Arnett with flu – raging over nation
Feb 9 Aunt Lollie (*a McIntosh relative*) had leg amputated
12 Martha *Gillette* in hospital – broken thumb
15 Our blessed grandson christened, Bishop Seabury Chapel, Groton – Snuffy Smith, Flo and Pete Snyder godparents
16 Arnett finally able to return to work.
?? 30 Got 1941 Pontiac
May 5 Mary & babies arrived en route Key West
9 Arnett B, executive officer of Quillback, docked in K.W.
10 Judy here for Mother's Day.
12 Jimmie turned over for first time.

	20		To Tampa – Mem, babies, Charlie (<i>ABTs' cocker spaniel</i>), me.
	22		Arnett Sr joined us – 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. trip to K.W.
May	23	1953	" & I returned home spending nite in Ft. Myers
	30		"to Woodbury Ga (<i>inspection</i>)
June	6		To K.W. by air to help out with babies
Jun	21		Nard & Mary moved to 2022 Staples, their new home.
	26		Home via Tampa for Mother's 80 th birthday
July	3-5		Arnett B. aboard Quillback in Tampa – mother went over boat! Sister gave cocktail party for Nard & officers
	18		Judy & Bill McCown to K.W. for Judy's vacation.
	23		Arnett home from Ga.
	25		Arnett B. relieved of duty on Quillback and transferred to sub tender, Bushnell, as navigator – still in K.W.
Aug	5		Saw Arnett B. 10 minutes on train in Wildwood en route to join Bushnell in Portsmouth, N.H.
	7		Arnett and I to K.W. for vacation with Mary.
	14		Judy arrived K.W. to begin her new job of truant officer.
	18		Returned home via Tampa. Judy got drivers license
	21		Me back to work.
	22		Nard due back in K.W. Polly and Frank here two days.
Sept	2		Nard flew to Newport, R.I. for seven weeks school.
Nov	15		Gillettes arrived from D.C. – 12" snow there.
	25		Judy here for Thanksgiving.
	26		Judy, Aunt Mannie (<i>Watson</i>), Nell (<i>her daughter</i>) & Gillettes – family dinner.
	29		Judy ret'd to K.W. She having quite a time with her love affairs.
	30		Gillettes to K.W.
Dec	2		The children's (<i>ABTs'</i>) dear Charlie dog died. Nard phoned us and to say he is transferred back to subs as exec. of the Sea Poacher – effective 12/31/53.
	24		To K.W. for Christmas – Batts and Judy too – a big time.
	28		Brought Jack Prisley home with us (<i>and Judy</i>) and tonite he and Judy have announced their engagement!

Jan	2	1954	Poor Aunt Lollie (<i>McIntosh</i>) had other leg amputated
	12		Mems had announcement party for Judy.
Apr	2		Judy and Jack here. On to Tampa to make wedding arrangements, buy trousseau.
May	9		Mother's Day – Cousin Bessie Sloan died suddenly at 1:00 p.m.
June	8		Bradys cocktail party for bride and groom.
	9		Rehearsal – Buffet supper at sisters. Prisleys and Jacks sister Sue and husband there – Mems too. Arnett at sea – Guatamala trouble.
	10		Judy and Jack married at 11:00 today – a lovely service and Judy a lovely bride. Prisley's and Mary home with us.
	11		Prisleys left for Va.
	14		Mary" " K.W.
July	4		Quillback in Tampa. Judy and Jack here for their first visit since their marriage.

Jul	13		Jack reported for his new duty on Manta.
	17		To K.W. for vacation.
Jul	24	1954	Back home and A.B.Ts joined us here.
	29		ABTs back to K.W. – wonderfully restful leave
	31		To Orlando – new glasses.
Sept	5		Mary and Babes to N.J. by air.
	7		Sea Poacher at Gitmo.
Nov	27		Thanksgiving Dinner with Buells in Lady Lake (FL) & saw Prisley Srs. in Wildwood en route K.W.
	29		Letter from Nard – there will be a new grand about July 4 th .
Dec	21		Nard phoned – promoted to Lt. Cdr. – not yet official but posted.
	25		Tampa for Christmas. Mother been very ill but much improved.
	26		J & J joined us in Tampa. Home for a day, then Brookneal and then Phila. for 5 weeks – Batteries for Manta.

Jan	10	1955	Got dining room suite (<i>probably their own first new, chosen furniture</i>), apple dishes (<i>Franciscan ware, now with Fred & Donna Prisley</i>), elec. perculator and Arnett got drill
	22		Edmund Jr. (<i>EHT III</i>) & Fay Thornton married at Auburn, Ala.
Mar	4		Mems, Arnett & Robin here for weekend – on to Tampa
	30		Arnett & Mary got Ford wagon, Judy & Jack Plymouth Belvedere sedan
Apr	21		Sea Poacher in K.W. from Gitmo
	23		Judy with us for nice visit, Jack in Gitmo
June	9		Arnett (<i>B</i>)'s commission as LCDR has come thru, and assignment as XO at Naval Ordnance Unit, K.W.
	27		Mother's 82 nd birthday. Judy & Jack here overnite only & announced another grand, for about Feb 12 (<i>en route Portsmouth, NH Naval Shipyard</i>).
July	5		5:30 p.m. Kenneth Batt Taylor born to Arnett and Mary – 7 lbs, 7 oz.
	7		We left for Keys via Tampa – mother so feeble.
	25		Home after good visit with A.B.Ts
			Arnett Sr began work for Lake Region Packing Assn. as Fla. Citrus job folded.
Aug	25		Judy and Jack arrived from Portsmouth, N.H.
	26		Kenneth Batt Taylor christened in K.W. by Fr. Pope
Sept	7		Judy & Jack left for Washington D.C. Jack will go to intelligence school.
	19		Elizabeth Jouett born to Edmund & Faye – 6 lbs 6 ½ oz.
			I had small tumor removed from neck – Dr. Williams
	27		Prisley Jrs. moved to new home (<i>Forestville, MD</i>)
Oct	1		Prisley Srs. here over-nite
Nov	1		Arnett in Bradenton on Tangeloes
Dec	3		Aunt Mannie (<i>Watson</i>) broke hip
	14		Uncle Will Steele died in Ky.
	25		Arnett here for four days – Christmas in Tampa

Jan	1	1956	I drove company car to Tampa to Arnett & spent nite
	4		got L/R rug
	7		EHTs came for me, to B-ton (<i>Bradenton</i>) for weekend with Arnett

	27		Nell (<i>Herrick</i>) took Aunt Mannie to Atlanta via ambulance to Inverness (<i>FL</i>), then train
Jan	28	1956	got D/R rug
Feb	5		Frederic Arnett Prisley born to Judy & Jack 1:15 a.m. 8 lbs 2 oz
	8		I left for DC via train
Feb	26		I retd from DC via train
	28		Our 35 th anniversary and Arnett in Arcadia
Apr	4		12 th anniversary of Dad Taylor's death and the heartbreaking news that our little Jimmie has epilepsy.
	11		Robin has mumps
	16		Judy, Fred & Looey (<i>dachshund</i>) & much impedimenta arrived by train for a month while Jack is in Norfolk
	22		Jimmie has mumps
	29		Arnett Sr picked Robin up in Hollywood & brought her home for a visit
May	3		Poll came over, Judy, Fred, Robin & Looey to Tampa
	5		Arnett and I picked up the mob in Tampa – to Naples where Mem & Arnett joined us for overnite
	12		Judy & our dear baby back to D.C. from Deland
July	9		ABT to Morristown seeking help for Jim
Aug	23		Jim's condition worsened – better with medicine halved
Sept	3		Calcium flakes causing mama much trouble in her feet
			Made deposit on new home in Bradenton
	6-16		A good vacation in Blairsville, Ga
	13		Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) had tumor removed from chest
Oct	23		Arnett " " " " neck
	24		sold 1514 Washington to Warren's
Nov	7		My last day at Mather's after 8 years. To K.W. for visit
	18		moved furniture to B-ton – stored in garage, Arnett and I at tourist court
Dec	5		Our first nite in our new home – 992 Mineola St. Tangelo Park. Exactly 15 years ago we moved from Sebring to Winter Haven
	8		Mother and sister here for weekend.
	22		Prisleys Sr & Jr, complete with babe & dog arrived S.A.L (<i>train</i>)
	24		Polly had car wreck – badly bruised – car ruined.
	29		Mother & sister both very ill
	30		Prisley Srs left – Fred ill too – virus.

Jan	1	1957	In Tampa with mama
	2-4		Baby sat with Freddy while kids went to K.W. A.B.Ts here that weekend.
	7		Prisley Jrs and I to Tampa.
	8		" " left for two years in Manila. Jack asst. naval attaché. I
	8		remained to nurse mama
	17		Memmy operated on for glaucoma.
	23		Home again, finally, for me. Patient Arnett.
	26		J and J safe in Manila after rough crossing.
Feb	13		Fred Prisley coronary thrombosis
Mar	3		Nard flew Jim to Tampa – we picked him up there
	15		Edmund (<i>Taylor</i>) Jr. graduated from Auburn

	16		To K.W. to take Jim home
Apr	12		Began work for Looney Furniture Co.
Apr	20	1957	Prisley Srs. here – Fred doing fine
May	28		Memmy's eye operated on again
June	9		All A.B.Ts arrived for 2 weeks at the beach where we rented a cottage
July	10		Got maple sun-room furniture
	30		A.B.Ts arrived for 3 days en route new duty – staff off. college – in Norfolk. Kenny with Mrs. Whitney
Aug	3		Set up washer – gift of Martha & Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) from D.C. storage Got twin Serta springs & mattresses
Nov	1		Stephen Post Prisley born to Judy & Jack – in Manila, P.I. 8:30 p.m. 9 lbs 4 ½ oz., 21 inches
	29		Such a thrill – J & J talked to us from Manila – very clear
Dec	9		Mama in hospital
	12		Freeze – 24 degrees here, 12 in some Lake Co. spots – much damage
	21		Gillettes reach Manila for holiday visit with Prisleys
	25		None of our children with us, mama still in hospital, we to Tampa for day only, all we had off
	29		Stephen christened – Mary Jane & Bill Stone god-parents. He is Jack's opposite number in Army
	30		Mama home from hospital

Jan	6	1958	Sister in hospital – flue, mama to nursing home
	27		A.B.Ts moved into new home – 5468 Sandpiper Lane, Norfolk Va
Apr	3		Judy in Clark Field hospital – leg ulcer
	15		Judy home from hospital
	16		One of the biggest events of our lives. To Charleston S.C. in pouring rain for ceremonies when Arnett took over command of the Grampus. Mary couldn't be there. Mama home from rest home.
May	8		Jimmie entered in Devereaux School, Devon, Pa. Mary & other children joined Arnett in Charleston
	18		Our beloved Uncle Gus (<i>Sylvan</i>) died at 6:30 a.m. (<i>Columbia, SC</i>) Arnett B. drove over to funeral – our only family representative
June	6		Grampus to Norfolk Va. Hooked up (<i>water</i>) softener tank.
	17		Memmy's eye operated on for third time
	20		Arnett B. left on 6-8 week cruise – secret destination
July	1		Aunt Mannie (<i>Watson</i>) died today. I drove to Eustis for the funeral on July 4 th
	4		Frank (<i>Brady</i>) died suddenly today just after I returned from Eustis
Aug	20		Grampus safely home
	21		Nard phoned us – all fine
	22		Jack has orders at last – XO on Pompon in Norfolk
	30		Began vacation – Columbia, Norfolk, Brookneal, Doughton Park, Cascades on Blue Ridge Pkway, N.C. thru Sept 13.
Sept	24		Miriam Woodall died.
Oct	31		Edmund H Taylor III (<i>IV?</i>) born to Edmund & Faye Cincinnati

Nov	4		J and J called from Frisco – safe in the old U.S. via transport Patrick
	5		Snow engaged to nurse mother at nite
Nov	10	1958	Edmund Sr had heart attack
	15		Aunt Lollie died (<i>McIntosh kin</i>)
	24		Prisley Jrs arrived – such a wonderful sight for longing eyes and to meet big little Steve – they left Looley with Prisley Srs. So good to have them here for Thanksgiving.
Dec	25		A quiet Christmas with just the day off which we spent in Tampa. Mother scarcely conscious of the day.

Jan	12	1959	Edmund Sr & Mil (<i>Taylor</i>) at Duke Hospital for heart observation for Edmund
	29		Got wool braided rug for sunroom
	31		Ft. Lauderdale to see both of our boys – Grampus and Cutlass both in port. Such a thrill to be shown over Grampus by her skipper, our own son. The E.H.Ts joined us and were Jack’s guests on Cutlass.
Feb	3		My first tooth extracted
	4		Jimmie transferred to an all male Devereaux unit
	6		got 1957 Chevrolet.
	28		Our anniversary (<i>38th</i>) – all children gave us 5 th silver goblet.
Mar	13		Sebring – Staff and Book club reunion. Stayed with Maxine Martin.
Apr	22		Grampus left on 6-8 weeks cruise – destination undisclosed
	26		Jim fell thru banisters, two full flights, no injury
May	9		Sis here for Mother’s Day – poor mama doesn’t know one day from another – Mary & kids in N.J. Judy & Jack in Brookneal.
	15		Cutlass and Jack left for 3 week cruise in Caribbean.
July	18		Jack promoted to Lt. Commander
	25		Arnett B. to Phila for overhaul. Mary & children will follow
	28		My precious mama released, so quietly, from her long struggle, 9:20 a.m. Polly in from Chapel Hill, Arnett from Phila, Judy & Mary from Norfolk.
	30		A sweet funeral at St. Andrews Episcopal church where Arnett and I were married.
Aug	4		Mary & children to Phila.
	17-31		vacation – Rainbow Springs, Crystal River, Clearwater
Sept	1		cut work hours to mornings only
	13		got T.V.
	20		Judy & boys arrived. Jack headed on Cutlass to Mediterranean
Oct	17		Prisley Srs. by on their vacation
	18		Arnett B. listed for promotion to Commander.
	26		“ ” called. Has been accepted for atomic sub programme.
Nov	1		Steve celebrated 2 nd birthday.
	5		Judy & boys left after a wonderful visit
	9		“ ” phoned – Cutlass return postponed – will go to Arabian Sea (<i>Suez Canal, Indian Ocean, Pakistan</i>)
	16		Jimmie admitted to Wood Shoal, Langhorne, Pa
Dec	7		got portable typewriter
	17		Arnett gives up command of Grampus after a very successful tour
	21		ABTs move to 1623 Francis Hammond Parkway, Alexandria, Va.

Dec	25	1959	A better Christmas than we'd expected – sister here for her first in our home, ABTs, including Jim in Morristown, Polly in Chapel Hill, Judy in Norfolk & Jack not home yet.
	26		E.H.Ts here for one nite, so we have a crowd after all – plus two doggies.
Dec	29		Jack & Judy called – Cutlass home at last after 22,000 miles and 104 days.

Jan	29	1960	Our little parakeet, Bert, died.
Feb	24		Got Dennis the Menace (<i>parakeet</i>)
Apr	10		Arnett B. to West Milton, N.Y., for nuclear reactor study
	22		Arnett Sr. got new glasses
	28		New Singer portable sewing machine
May	5		Arnett B's promotion to Commander at last official, retroactive to April 1 st . He back from N.Y. to D.C.
	25		Nard back to West Milton
	27		Mary in rest home in New Caanan, Conn. childrent at Batts
	30		Priestly Welch killed in auto accident in Charleston – such a shock to all
June	1		Paul & Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) to Yokohama beginning their return to states.
	20		Gillettes dogs arrived
	30		We left for Alex. Va to pay Nard a visit
July	3		Lunch with Polly in Chapel Hill, dinner & nite with Prisley Srs in Clarksville, Va
	4		Arrived Alex, Nard in at 9:00 from Morristown
	10		Met Robin at airport
	17		To Norfolk to see Judy & Jack – Jack still in Philly
	22		Headed home
	24		Home – 2:00 p.m. 2404 miles
	29		Frances (<i>Sylvan</i>) has put Aunt Lucile (<i>Sylvan</i>) in a sanitarium (<i>in Columbia, SC</i>)
	31		Jack's orders as Intelligence officer under Adm. Grenfell for ComSubLant (<i>Norfolk</i>)
Aug	1		Began part time work at office
	6		To Tampa to see Poll – she will drive back (<i>to Chapel Hill</i>) with sister who begins her vacation
	14		Sent Frances Sylvan check in full settlement of loan from Uncle Gus for Arnett B at Porter. Uncle Gus refused repayment but we knew Frances now needed the cash. (<i>She didn't, at all!</i>)
	15		Gillettes to Genoa, Italy
	25		Traded for Underwood – Olivetti portable typewriter – 93.00
	26		Gillettes Saltie (<i>West Highland terrier</i>) died
Sept	10		Hurricane Donna – Marathon, Ft. Myers, Everglades City, Wauchula, Arcadia worst hit in Fla. On north, Norfolk, N.Y. New England
	24		Edmund Sr to Duke for check (<i>heart trouble</i>)
	27		Judy & Jack moved to their new home – 8107 Pace Rd Norfolk
Oct	1		Prisley Sr's here
	2		Cocktails for Gladys & Fred
	3		They left for St Pete – nicest visit we've had
	17		Gillettes arrived N.Y.
Nov	20		"arrived here – first meeting in 7 years

Nov	26	1960	Gillettes, E.H.Ts & Phil & sister here for weekend – our Thanksgiving celebration
Dec	7		New hot water heater – old one just 4 years old
	14		Arnett quite ill – flu & pleurisy
Dec	23		Little Dennis (<i>parakeet</i>) got away – such a “personable” pet.
	25		Arnett finally up. A nice Christmas. Gave him big lounge chair

Jan	21	1961	Buells here over nite – first time in two years.
	26		Martha & Paul gave us new parakeet – Tori – Japanese for bird (or shrine)
Feb	13		Laid off at office until April 3 rd – am now on Soc. Sec.
	15		Gillettes left for Winter Haven, Cal., Hawaii – 2:00 p.m. Judy and boys arrived 4:00 p.m.
	27		Arnett & Judy picked Jack up in Tampa, midnight. He’d been on special duty in Puerto Rico
	28		Our 40 th anniversary. Children gave us handsome silver chest. Judy, Jack, the Behrs and we dined at Zinn’s in celebration
Mar	5		All of us to Crooked Lake for day with E.H.T. Faye (<i>wife of Buddy Taylor</i>) & her little ones there too.
	7		Judy, Jack and boys left for Norfolk. We rattle around in our empty house. Judy expects a new wee one Oct. 21 st .
	15		I sprained foot – in cast for 10 days.
	27		Nard home from hospital – hernia operation
Apr	10		Nard reported as executive officer on Thos A. Edison under construction at New London, Conn.
	23		Mary & children in Groton Long Point, Conn. for 2 mo.
May	15		George Dunlap Sr. (<i>KY kin</i>) died
June	10		New King-o-Lawn mower.
	15		Thos. A. Edison, with Arnett B as executive officer and skipper, Cdr. Chas. Young, riding the bridge, launched at Groton, Conn. Batts and us both there. Thrilling experience. Spent a week, flew to Norfolk for several days with Judy and Jack.
	15		Aunt Lucile (<i>Sylvan, Columbia, SC</i>) died.
	24		A.B.Ts moved to 94 Plant St., New London, Conn
	27		Arrived home, via Columbia, 911 miles. Saw Frances Sylvan, Emme, Dot & Frances McIntosh.
July	14		Sister left for Atlanta and a month’s bus trip. West & Canada 911 miles
Aug	21		James Arthur born to Buddy and Faye (<i>Taylor</i>).
Oct	1		Prisley Sr’s here for couple of days while house hunting
	20		Col. Edgar Coursen died (<i>Arnett B’s friend/sponsor in suburban Annapolis while AB was a midshipman</i>).
	26		Elizabeth Sarah Prisley born – 8 lbs 14 oz (<i>was actually 7 lbs 14 oz</i>)
	27		I left for Norfolk via train
Nov	14		Home from Norfolk.
	21		Arnett had skin cancers removed from both ears.
	28		I had flu
Dec	10		Robin tonsillectomy.
	24		Sister and Frances Sylvan with us for Christmas.

Dec 31 1961 Elizabeth Sarah christened – sister flew to Norfolk to be one god-mother, Sue and Arnett B. other god-parents unable to attend.

Feb 27 1962 Celebrated our anniversary (*41st*) at EHTs' Lake Wales cottage with Behrs (*Bradenton friends*) and E.H.Ts.

Mar 7 1962 Left by S.A.L. (*train*) for New London

10 Thos. A. Edison commissioned – followed by reception at Officers Club.

11 Toured Edison, led by Nard. Awesome.

13 Mary to hospital

16 Mary home

18 Edison left for Newport – we watched her down river!

21 Bates here. Capt. & Marje Young's baby still-born.

22 Arnett Sr. ret'd to B'ton – I'll stay on a while.

29 Marje Young home. Mem & I saw "Miracle Worker". Fine.

Apr 3 Hartford shopping – got spring coat.

5 Sqdrn Coffee and Book Club – enjoyed both.

7 Looey (*JPPs' dachshund*) put to sleep – too bad.

9 Fire on Edison – no damage.

11 Mems to Norfolk with Betty Cherrier to stay with J & J and see Arnett. Collision of Edison & a destroyer

May 4 Began my return home – Peggy met me in Newark.

5 To Woods School to see Jim. To D.C. where J & J met me while there apt. hunting. (*We all stayed in Dave Kenny's apartment while he was away.*)

6 To Norfolk with J & J.

7 Steve & Elizabeth a mass of chicken pox. (*broke out while JPPs were away. They and Fred being babysat by excellent 'cleaning lady' / chief's wife, Addie.*)

9 Left Portsmouth for home (*by train*).

10 Arnett met me in Tampa.

11 Edison at Canaveral. Picked Nard & Geo. Troffer up

12 Sister here.

13 Drove Nard to Canaveral. Mary, Howard, Bobby (*Simpson, Mt. Dora*) and date met us and we all toured Edison.

June 5 Frances Sylvan here

10 Sis here. Took Frances back to Tampa.

21 Got drop leaf dining room table.

29 Got bedroom rugs.

July 31 Prisleys (*Srs*) arrived - waiting movers.

Aug 3 Movers arrive (*They settle in Sarasota.*)

31 To Crooked Lake for vacation. (*EHT cottage*)

Sept 7 Home.

10 Resumed work at Looney's.

14 Mary in Europe. Batts hurt in auto crash in Ireland. SMT flu shot.

17 C.A.T. flu shot

30 Sis retired from Fla Citrus Exchange

Oct 9-12 Me to Sebring for its 50th anniversary celebration. Stayed with Theon Sebring.

22 Quarantine of Cuba until Russia removes missiles (sic).

Nov	7	1962	Edison leaves Chas. S.C. for Holy Loch, Scotland on 1 st patrol.
Dec	2		Arnett B's orders – C/O Blue Crew of Tecumseh.
	11		Judy & children arrive Tampa – Nat'l Electra – 3 hrs late.
	12		Martha (<i>Gillette</i>) operated on – clogged neck artery
Dec	13		Terrible freeze 22 degrees – can't get living room temperature above 52. Softener water pipes frozen until noon.
	14		Repeat freeze – 24 deg.
	15		Still very cold – terrific loss of citrus, truck & shrubs.
	18		Elizabeth walking – thru with crawling. All three children have found their weather legs while with us.
	19		Prisleys met Jack in Tampa.
	23		Fred. Sr to hospital
	24		Big folks Santa here
	25		Little " " Prisleys
	26		Fred (<i>Sr.</i>) operated on (<i>adhesions?</i>)
	29		Prisley Jrs. leave Tampa for D.C.

Jan	10	1963	Nard phoned Mary from Holy Loch, Scotland – back off patrol – had received word of orders – C/O of Blue crew missile sub Tecumseh
	28		Margaret & Shack (<i>Dunlap</i>) here overnite
Feb	13		I began traction for shoulder & arm
	22		Got Ford wagon
Mar	5		Aunt Laura Williams died of cancer
	30		Nard, Mems, Robin & Kenny arrived
	31		" " to K. West to Sonar School
Apr	1		Entered Robin & Kenny in Orange Ridge School
	5		To K. West for weekend
	6		Deep sea fishing – good catches. Ken Batt had coronary
	8		Kenny sprained ankle – on crutches
	12		Nard & Mem here for Easter weekend - then San Juan holiday
	13		Sister down – bearing burned out in her car – it in Parrish
	15		All us Taylors to Crooked Lake for day.
	16		Dorothy McIntosh (<i>Columbia, SC</i>) died of cancer
	23		Kenny a violent case of measles
	26		Robin left alone on train (<i>age 12</i>) for Columbia to join A & M
May	3		Kenny " " " jet for N.Y.
	31		Larry Taylor married – Jane Doane Gibson of Atlanta
Jun	2		Robin confirmed
	16		A & I left by car for Tecumseh launching
	17 & 18		With Polly in Chapel Hill
	19		Arrived Alexandria – Fred has measles (<i>indefinite diagnosis, very sick, no rash</i>)
	20		Flew to New London
	22		Tecumseh successfully launched. Luncheon at Griswold Inn for over 850
	24		Arnett & Mems drove us to see Jimmie. Took train at Trenton for D.C.
	25		Jack detached. Movers there. Steve & Eliz. ill.
	28		Home again. Steve & Eliz. had cases of measles (<i>Five JPPs settled in with FAPs in Sarasota.</i>)

Jun	29	1963	Arnett shoulder muscle giving much pain
July	2		" had large skin cancer removed from head.
	8		Took Fred & Steve to sister. A & I to Eustis for couple of days. J & J to K.W. househunting. Elizabeth with Sr. Prisleys.
Jul	16		We, Prisleys, sister all to K.W.
	17		Jack took command of Barracuda – impressive ceremony. Sis, Arnett & I on to Everglades Nat'l Park for few days rest.
Sept	5		Jack has notice of promotion to full Cdr. Prisley Srs. returned from vacation.
	12		Judy & Jack moved to 3808 Donald Ave, Key West
Oct	8		Had second tooth extracted
	17		Forced to purchase new wall furnace
	20		Jack home from month in Gitmo.
	21		" promotion official
Nov	12		I to K.W. with Prisley Srs for Jack's wetting down party. Arnett couldn't get off to go.
	16		Polly called – arthritis bad & getting cataract on good eye.
	22		Pres. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas Texas by (<i>Lee</i>) Harvey Oswald – the entire world aghast.
Dec	21		My 65 th birthday! News from Nard that Tecumseh will join Pacific Sqdrn, based at Pearl, operate out of Guam. A blow to all as we were sure of Charleston SC basing.
	25		A quiet Christmas – our only guest, and most welcome, Sister. Polly in Columbia with Frances McI. Children all in their homes. We are saddened by approaching death of Lincoln Behr, our best friend, from cancer.

Jan	1	1964	Lincoln died today, the end most peaceful.
	14		Faint flurries of snow – enough to gather on car!
Mar	10		Polly had first cataract operation.
	29		Charlotte (<i>Behr</i>) and we took her sister, Jerry, to plane in Tampa.
Apr	2		Bade Charlotte goodbye at S.A.L. station. Are losing our best friend in Bradenton.
	24		J & J moved to quarters – 1063 Halsey Dr., Key West
	29		Jack on Barracuda to Gitmo
May	9		Spent Mother's Day with Judy & children in Key West.
	23		Left by car for New London, spent 24 th with Polly in Chapel Hill
	27		Arrived in New London.
	29		U SSBN 628 commissioned – Arnett Blue skipper – Big cocktail party followed. Travelled by limousine, Robin & Kenny thrilled beyond words.
	30		Dependents' cruise aboard Tecumseh. 300 aboard. Arnett and I rode the bridge with Nard coming in. We dived – I'm a bona fide submariner.
June	8		Tecumseh left for two month trials.
	10		Headed home. Visited Jim at school. Our poor laddie!
	13		Safely home – 3084 miles
Jul	24-27		Cousins' reunion at Crooked Lake. Jr. Prisleys home with us for few days.
Aug	12		Polly second cataract operation. Arnett B. posted for captain.
	18		Left by train to be with Polly
Sept	2		Jack, on 'Cuda, to Norfolk for overhaul.
	6		I'm home from Chapel Hill

Sep	22	1964	Arnett's birthday. Prisleys and Jack (on leave) to dinner
Oct	17		Nard & Mary called. Movers today, in downpour. They fly to Cal. tomorrow, sail on Lurline on 20 th for two years in Hawaii
Nov	28		Tecumseh arrived in Honolulu. (<i>gold crew</i>)
Dec	7		Arnett relieves on Tecumseh.
	10		Jack back from 2 ½ months overhaul in Portsmouth, Va.
	16		Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) operated on for hernia
	17		Arnett left on first patrol out of Guam.
	23		Mary and children to Maui for Christmas with Gillettes
	24		Sister here for holidays.

Jan	5	1965	Gladys Prisley first cataract operation
	6		Sis returned to Tampa – our first good long visit in years!
	13		Nard left for Guam – his first Tecumseh patrol. (?? see last Dec 17)
	14		Jack called – is assigned to teach anti-submarine warfare at Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif
	28		Shack & Margaret Dunlap (<i>KY</i>) here overnite
	30		Winston Churchill's funeral on T.V. Most impressive especially the music – Handel's "Dead March" "God Save the Queen," "The Resurrection," "Fight the Good Fight" <u>and</u> our American "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to honor his American blood
	31		Mary Simpson in Orlando hospital. the cancer has flared again – paralysis from waist down.
Feb	9		Mary had brain tumor removed.
	10		Mary died at 6:00 a.m.
	12		Mary buried from Mt. Dora Methodist Church.
	13		Uncle Bill Batt died Sister has hip trouble and sciatica.
	16		Sister in hospital. Judy & Jack bought travel trailer – Yellowstone 16'
	26		To Key West, Branham & Margaret (<i>Dunlap, KY</i>) joined us in Naples. Celebrated our 44 th anniversary.
Mar	9		Nard in Honolulu from first patrol. Got new twin beds
	16		Sis home from hospital
Apr	14		Sis back in hospital
	16		Bill Withers to fly Jimmy to Hawaii for a week's stay.
	27		Judy and children here from K.W. by bus.
	29		Brought sister from hospital to recuperate. We have a full house, but managing nicely.
May	8		Judy went, alone, on bus for Jack's change of command.
	10		J and J arrive complete with trailer and Jasper – cat. Tape recorder, gift of four children, arrived. All listened to tape. Jimmy there too.
	13		The Prisley clan depart for nite with Buells in Lady Lake, then first lap of long trek to Calif.
	17		Emme (<i>Fielding, Columbia, SC – SMT cousin</i>) found dead this morning – aged 87 years. Polly will attend funeral.
	19		Nard left for Guam and second patrol. Our first tape reached them `ere his departure

July	1	1965	Arnett B's promotion to Captain official. Mems heard only on 5 th & sent him a family-gram of Congratulation.
	2		Arnett received last check from Lake Region
	30		Returned wagon to Tavares. Everything closed out here now and Arnett <u>retired</u> .
Aug	4		Arnett on Social Security
	10		Painted entire dining room & kitchen and walls.
	14		Nard safe in Guam after 2 nd patrol.
	20		A.B.Ts on holiday to Maui.
	25		Poll & sister here
Sept	1		Got water softener outfit
	2		Poll & sister returned to Tampa. We played much Spite & Malice!
	8		Hurricane Betsy – little damage here but very high tides on Keys & Anna Maria.
	9		Betsy hit New Orleans & Baton Rouge. terrific damage
	27		Tape from J & J telling of Jack's orders back to Pentagon
Oct	4		Arnett had thoro physical. No reason found for his continued weight loss.
	11		Arnett rec'd 1 st veteran's check. Nard in D.C. on business. Will see Jim in Langhorne then on to New London to talk to Benj. Franklin crew – next Polaris to go to Pacific.
	13		Nard phoned from Langhorne. So good to hear his voice after more than a year. He saw J & J in D.C.
	18		J & J in furnished apt – Presidential Gardens – until house they've bought is available
	23		Lucille Sternard, Paul (<i>Gillette</i>)'s sister, died suddenly – heart attack
Nov	8		Got replacement hot water heater.
Dec	10		We left via S.A.L. (<i>train</i>) for holidays with J & J in their new home – 511 N. Monroe, Arlington
	25		A fine family Christmas.
	27		Learned of Nell Coursen's death (<i>Annapolis friend</i>) in Nov. Heart attack causing her to wreck car
	29		Toured White House – J & J and we – 31 degrees. W.H. beautifully decorated

Jan	1	1966	Washington Ballet – Nutcracker Suite – will never forget it.
	3		Home from a fine, long visit
	9		Ed & Mil (<i>Taylor</i>) here for couple of hours.
	12		Buells here overnite
	13		Paul (<i>Gillette</i>) had skin cancers removed from both eyelids
	22		Sister ill – chest etc – with us.
	23		Percys and Maxine (<i>Sebring friends</i>) here for day. A nice jolly dinner at Pete Reynard's
	27		Margaret & Shack (<i>Dunlap, KY</i>) here. Sis still in bed so they needs must go to a motel. Dinner at Angus Inn.
	30		Dreadful blizzard – D.C., Val, Ky. N.C. & S.C. J & J almost marooned.
Feb	5		Ed & Mil (<i>Taylor</i>) here unexpectedly – nice weekend Nard home from 3 rd patrol – most successful. R.Adm Fluckey, ComSubPac rode last ten days interested and complimentary

Feb	16	1966	Prisleys and Muirs to dinner – Gladys' birthday. Used my gorgeous Philippine cloth & napkins.
	26		Painted bathroom
	28		“ front bedroom
Mar	2		“ living room
Mar	3		“ sunroom
	14		Got new Philco 16.3 refrigerator. \$217.54
	16		Frances Sylvan in Waverly Sanitarium
	23		Poll slipped on waxed floor, hit radiator, broke 3 ribs
Apr	19		To Columbia to see Frances S. and dismantle her apt. She is pitiful – so confused mentally. Stayed with Frances Mc.
	22		Met Nancy Mc – first time since 1917 – and J.T. (<i>Pearlstine, her husband</i>)
	24		Attended service at Trinity – 3 rd generation
	24		Arnett B. to Guam for final patrol on Tecumseh.
	26		To the Hill (<i>Chapel Hill</i>) to see Polly – 10 hrs to go 200 miles on bus!
	30		Home again
May	4		To Crooked Lake for long weekend – E.H.Ts anniversary.
	24		Markey Palmer (<i>Mibby's niece</i>) married to Chas LaRue
			Got new sunroom nylon awning
	31		Cannot believe it. Round trip plane tickets to Honolulu received from Arnett and Mary.
June	1		Old back acting cranky.
	8		Hurricane Alma! We must have a new roof
	17		new roof - \$420.00 – spray with plastic again in seven years.
	21		Elizabeth Coleman drove us to Tampa – spend nite with sister.
	22		Our first jet flight – what a thrill. To Los Angeles, on to Honolulu. Bit of trouble to lend excitement, but safe landing. Met by Memmy, Robin & Kenny & smothered in leis.
	23		First sight of Pearl Harbor – wet my feet in the Pacific.
	25		Sea Life Museum & Seaquarium. Lunch – Hamburger on Ti leaf on paper plate plus real orchid. Luscious seven fish chowder.
	26		St. Christophers lovely church. Five baptized. Our first polo game – Hong Kong vs Wimea – and lunch.
	28		Foster Botanical Gardens – beautiful
	29		News Jimmie in hospital, on critical list & in intensive care – heart attack.
	30		Wonderful scenic drive – Punch Bowl Nat'l Cemetery of Pacific, fabulous view of Honolulu, Waikiki, Diamond Head, Punahoe School (<i>where Robin & Kenny went</i>), U. of Hawaii, Tantalus Road over mts., highest drive on island, hairpin turns, strange trees, cereus blanketing roadsides. Lunch in shady spot with view of Diamond Head and ocean.
July	1		Swim at Waikiki, lunch at Officers Club snack bar. Teriyaki steak sandwiches
	2		Pot luck at Betty Robinson's – Tecumseh blue wives
	4		Bishop Museum – town of Honolulu, lunch at Ft Shafter Round House snack bar. Swim at Kailua Beach – fireworks
	5		Kenny's birthday party
	6		Took Helen Keeler to ride – tragic case – M/S & blind.
	7		Jim back at Woods in infirmary. Lunch at Flossie Shelso's.

Jul 8 1966 Luncheon at Hickam Enlisted Men's Club – Blue enlisted wives hostesses – how they all admire Arnett.
 Robin's first date
 9 Polynesian dinner at Jan Bryans on hill overlooking city and harbor. Like fairyland when the lights came on.
 11 Navy boat tour of Pearl Harbor.
 12 Luncheon – Mrs. Nott on Ford Island for skippers' wives of Blue and Gold Polaris submarines. Navy launch transportation. Mrs. (Adm) Maurer there – Jack's old boss in Norfolk.
 13 To Maui to Gillettes. Wonderful welcome.
 15 Long drive. Lunch at Maui Sheraton – grand buffet.
 16 Iao Valley & Needle.
 17 Haleakala Crater – stupendous. 10,023 ft; 40 min. to reach crater, longest continuous drive on one mountain in world. Crater 1,000 ft. below rim. Cold & windy
 18 Back to Kailua. Gold crew leaving for Guam.
 19 Gladys fell length of stairs at J & J's – no serious damage.
 Dinner at Crouching Lion – Tecumseh Blue wives hostesses
 20 Nard phoned. Best of Patrols. \$360.00 for article accepted by Naval Institute "Treat Sailors Like Spare Parts."
 High tea – Wialae Tea Room, Manoa Valley by Gold wives. Orchid & plumeria lei for me, white ginger for Mem.
 21 Wisey (*ABTs' setter*) in Honolulu pound.
 22 Nard home from final patrol. We made leis & met him at Hon. airport – such an experience. He brought me some lovely beggars' beads with gold roundels
 24 Picnic lunch on Diamond Head. Kids swam near Sea Life Park, tremendous waves. Saw famous Blow Hole.
 26 We took M & A to pre-anniversary dinner.
 27 M and A's 20th anniversary. They at Hawaiian Hilton. My back wrenched and painful.
 30 Cocktails at Halekulani Hotel, Waikiki – one of oldest and loveliest hotels. Watched surfers. Dinner at Cannon Club, Ft Kruger, sunset behind mts., we way up on Diamond Head. Then concert, Hono. Symphony – Waikiki Shell – open air, Carmen Dragon, conductor, Jean Fenn of Met, soloist. Spectators in thousands all seated on ground – quite chilly.
 Aug 31 Drive with Nard and picture taking
 2 Packing. Wisey tangled with buffo frog. Much excitement & dosing.
 8 Packers and movers. Cocktail party at Katie Chiles to 1:30 a.m.
 9 Movers. Kids to Pali Palms Motel
 10 Ala Maano Shopping Center – largest in world - three floors
 13 Change of command for Arnett – most impressive. Reception afterwards at club.
 14 Wisey to vets until his transportation arranged.
 Lancombs to cookout supper – quite alfresco!
 15 ABTs off on Lurline, leis to their chins – 30-40 guests. Champagne & chatter, serpentine and thrown leis and tears for Robin. We had cookout dinner with Stan Bumps.

Aug	16	1966	2:00 PM Headed home on Pan Am.
	17		8:00 AM In Tampa by Delta from L.A. a long wearisome trip. Most airlines on strike. And so ends our marvelous vacation
	22		Back at office
	30		Yard sodded to Argentine bahia.
Sept	4		To Eustis to sign (<i>Lake</i>) Dorr sale papers and Deland to visit Van Hook school
	6		Sis here – not well at all. Teeth don't fit – enteritis.
	7		ABTs in D.C. Express shipment missing
	14		Trailed Sis back to Tampa.
	17		Ed & Mil here for weekend. M.A. (<i>Mary Ann</i>) at U. of Puerto Rico. Phil at Erskine, Due West, SC
	19		Nard reports to Op. Nav. 60 in Pentagon
Oct	7		ABTs moved into new home, 2405 Mansfield Rd., Falls Church in Lake Barcroft area.
	10		To Eustis – sale of Dorr property final. Saw Sis in Tampa
	18		Judy to begin work at Turkish Embassy
	19		Jim again in hospital – heart condition
	25		Physicals for Arnett & me. My b.p. 150/82
	27		Arnett to work for Lake Region for few weeks.
Dec	20		To Tampa for Sister
	21		Began neck traction
	24		Dinner at Martine's
	25		Quiet but nice Christmas – talked to all children
	30		Took Sis back to Tampa & on to EHTs' (<i>Winter Haven</i>) for New Year weekend.

Jan	8	1967	Mil, Edmund & Mary Ann (from Puerto Rico for hols.) spent the day.
	9		Return to office.
	11		Looney going out of business – sale began.
	20		Buells here overnite – slept in their trailer
	21		Jim Simpson married to Anita Louise Kirkpatrick of St. Petersburg
	25		Stopped traction because of three days of wretched cold & coughs. Expected Shack and Margaret (<i>Dunlap – KY</i>) for nite but he in hospital with slight heart attack.
	27		Arnett & Mary to Ft. Mugu, Calif. for a week at Astronauts School
Feb	1		Arnett Sr. had left hand operated on for tendon trouble.
	18		Looneys store closed its doors after a fantastically successful sale and I've retired
	21		Looneys hosts the "gang" at Reynard's.
	22		Filed for unemployment not effective until 3/29/67
Mar	3		Edmund & Mil here
	4		To Naples, us four, to see Shack & Margaret. Met Whitney & Lady Louise (<i>Dunlap, KY</i>).
	5		Bill & Elizabeth (<i>Watson</i>) here. Champagne & fried chicken for belated anniversary celebration.
	9		Nard began wearing glasses for distance vision

Mar	11	1967	letter from Mary saddens us deeply. Jim having grand mal attacks and balance very bad.
	12		Saw Sis briefly in Tampa – gained 10 lbs.
	23		Sis here for visit
	31		Took Sis home.
Apr	1		Dunlaps here overnite
	2		Watsons, Nell & Peggy here for afternoon. Latter engaged – Louis B. Carson Jr. (“Peanut”)
	16		Left for D.C. to see all children – overnite at Lady Lake (<i>with Buells</i>)
	18		At Frances Mc’s (<i>Columbia, SC</i>).
	20		Dinner with Nancy (<i>McI</i>) & J.T. (<i>Pearlstine</i>) – farmhouse (<i>St. Matthew’s near Columbia</i>) built in 1820 – 14 fireplaces
	21		To Chapel Hill (<i>to see Polly</i>)
	24		arrived D.C. – first at J and J’s
	29		Family picnic – all of us – at Manassas Battlefield
May	2		over to Nard & Mem’s
	6		to Woods (<i>school</i>) for Jim. On to Valley Forge. Cookout. Temp about 40! Dogwood magnificent
	10		Headed home. Both have colds & coughs.
	11		Stopped by Monticello – most interesting.
	12		“ “ Old Salem –
	14		Reached home safely. Colds very bad.
	22		Forced to get water heater replacement – 4 th in 10 ½ years!
June	4		Israel & Arab countries at war. Such events affect us personally with Arnett B. in Naval Planning and Jack anti-submarine warfare.
	11		War short lived – Israel victorious – many repercussions
	30		To Crooked Lake for several days.
July	16		Jim with his family in Falls Church for a visit
	18		Arnetts firs VA pension check, retroactive to Jan 1, 1967 @ \$80 /month (\$480)
	24		Got Sylvania TV - \$154.50
Aug	10		Nard having leave till 19 th – going Vermont & Va. beaches EHTs on vacation to Ozarks
	21		Got Dodge Coronet (\$2240.80 - \$1120 allowance on Ford Wagon)
Sept	16		Ed & Mil here for weekend.
Oct	10		Nard in Honolulu trying to sell Fleet Hdqtrs on the secret project he’s been working overtime on for weeks.
	23		Nice letter from Smithsonian accepting the insignia from French plane – Arnett’s memento from WWI.
	25		To Merritt island, NASA, Cape Canaveral, then Lady Lake, overnite with Buells, Winter Haven, two nites with Mil & Edmund
Nov	17		Gladys – minor operation We to Tampa for weekend with Bill Watsons
Dec	7		Talked to ABTs – Nard’s birthday
	10		“ “ JPPs – Jude’s “
	18		Top Taylor (<i>Lawrence Jr. – Arnett’s firs cousin</i>) pled guilty to one of five charges of narcotic sale infractions, fined \$500 or six months. Too bad.

Dec	21	1967	Got Sis in Tampa – kids, all at Arnett’s including Polly, called for my birthday.
	25		Nice, tho quiet Christmas, just Sis and we two. Sis gave me “Fatima”! (<i>a Persian-type head – later went to Arnett B?</i>) Quite warm weather – really no winter yet.
	31		Watched Greenbay – Cowboy pro game – 14 degrees below zero! (<i>in Green Bay, WI</i>)

Jan	4	1968	Our darling Polly died suddenly at about 10:30 AM – bronchial pneumonia – alone – Mim Graves found her peacefully asleep. Poll had spent Christmas in Arlington with Judy & Jack – a most happy time.
	5		Arnett and I flew to D.C. – arrived with temp 12 degrees.
	6		“ ” “ ”, Judy, Arnett B and Mary drove to Chapel Hill. Jack remained with children.
	7		A sweet memorial service in chapel of the Chapel of the Cross. Many friends attended. Mary and Arnett B. returned to Falls Church.
	9		Worst ice and sleet storm in the Hill’s memory. Polly’s friends good beyond belief to us all. 8 degrees.
	12		Back to D.C., Judy pulling a U-Haul-it. Icy roads.
	17		Over to Nard’s for rest of our visit – developing bad colds as usual in that cold country. Had a visit with Jim at Woods. Poor laddie.
	23		Flew back home. Atkins met us. Colds bad. Won’t go to Sister’s until free of germs.
Feb	3		Got Sis from Tampa.
	12		J and J have sold house on Monroe. Moved to 4425 1 st Road S, Arlington, Va
	13		Took Sis to Tampa
	15		Met Nard in Tampa – he attended meeting at McDill with STRIKE. Found Sis ill. Old lung trouble.
	17		Nard returned D.C. from B-ton airport. Plane 1 ½ hrs late from Miami & held in Ft. Myers by fog Edmund & Mil here for weekend.
	18		Sis better.
Mar	25		Jack & Frances Steele (<i>of KY</i>) here overnite.
	29		To W.H. (<i>Winter Haven</i>) for long weekend
Apr	1		Home again
	4		Dr. Martin Luther King assassinated in Memphis.
	9		Been writing story of our homesteading days. “Deep Went Our Roots”. Finished. Now try to get published.
May	1		Frances Sylvan moved to Rickerd Nursing Home (<i>Columbia, SC</i>).
	4		To Crooked Lake. Jack (<i>Prisley</i>) back from London & Norway.
	5		Kenny, Fred and Steve confirmed – separate church for Kenny.
	6		Home. EHTs 35 th anniversary.
	24		I had attack of gastritis – scared us.
June	1		EHTs here over weekend.
	3		Fred Sr. in hospital – x-rays show ulcer. Semi-hurricane “Abby” – much rain – little wind.

Jun	5	1968	Sen Robt. Kennedy assassinated by Sirhan, a Jordanian. A tragic family despite their wealth.
	8		Kennedy funeral. King's assassin arrested in London with false Canadian passport under an alias.
	18		Bill Watson in hospital with pneumonia.
	24		Jack to New London. Bill Watson very ill. We to see Elizabeth at hospital.
	25		Jack back from New London.
	26		Jim in Falls Church
	27		EHTs leave for month in So. America
	28		Nell and Jack Herrick to Honolulu. Arnett had skin cancer on cheek removed
July	1		Peggy Herrick married in Honolulu to Louis B. Carson Jr Paul best man. Marsh (<i>Martha Gillette</i>) unable to attend.
	6		To see Watsons in St. Pete at their new apartment. Bill much improved
	7		Nard & Mem to Oxford, England to attend NATO conference on "Interdependence of Sovereign States" – 7 th to 10 th
	9		Arnett had skin cancer on temple removed.
	15		Mil had bad fall in Rio walking from stalled cable car!
	17		Fred & Steve arrived – alone – from Va. Changed in Orlando. (<i>to Episcopal camp in Avon Park?</i>)
	21		J and J all packed & moved. In Brookneal en route to duty in Key West.
	26		Jack's promotion to Captain confirmed
	27		J & J, Elizabeth and Pepsi joined us here. EHTs now in Puerto Rico with Mary Ann. Mil sore but OK
	30		Brought Sis from Tampa for two nites. She had to stay at a motel as 4812 bursting at seams.
Aug	1		Frances S(<i>Sylvan</i>) moved to Mrs. Kinard's private home (<i>in Columbia, SC</i>). Much better care but much worse mentally.
	3		Mil, Edmund & Phil down for overnite – also at motel.
	5		All JPPs to Sarasota
	15		To K. West. Met Mil & Mary Ann on Seven Mile Bridge. We took Elizabeth Coleman. Sis not able to stand long drive. All stopped at Blue Marlin Motel.
	16		Jack change of command (Div.Com.122) on Sea Lion. Nice ceremony. Good weather but hot. Lots of fun. Sr. Prisleys there too.
	17		Home bringing little Elizabeth.
	18		To Crooked Lake where Judy & children remain awaiting housing in K.W. Jack there at BOQ.
	19		Arnett and I home again.
	22		Russia moved into Czechoslovakia and took over. UN does nothing about it.
Sept	1		Judy & kids here from Crooked Lake over nite.
	26		Had all rugs cleaned.
Oct	2		Percys (<i>Sebring friends</i>) at Holiday Inn – good dinner & evening.
	4		Elizabeth Coleman married to Robert Prine
	6		To St. Pete to see Nell and Watsons
	11		Got Tippa typewriter
	17		Brought Sis from Tampa thru worst of Hurricane Gladys. Not much damage locally.

Oct	21	1968	Mr. Austell phoned. Frances' (<i>Sylvan</i>) mental condition deteriorating. She tries to take her life.
	26		Nard to Belgium for three days – NATO.
Nov	1		Robin dating Richard Bean, a plebe at USNA. There for football game and first cotillion. She is now on hunt for college of her choice.
	9		“ to West Point for hop. Prefers USNA.
	10		Watsons here for couple of hours
	12		Much distressed over letter from Frances Mc. Baxter very ill with lung cancer.
	19		Frances Mc. – 2 nd cataract removed
	21		Jack's captaincy official – retroactive to Nov 1 st .
	26		Arnett and I to K.W.
	29		Deep sea fishing – good time but not many fish
Dec	4		Home from K.W. after nice Thanksgiving and saw the boys serve as acolytes.
			Steve is working on Christmas tree garden in Polly's tradition.
	13		A.B.Ts have flu. Hong Kong type countrywide
	15		Edmund, Mil and Mary Ann down for day only.
	16		Jim has tonsillitis
	20		Brought Sis home for holidays.
	21		A very nice 70 th (<u>can't be</u>) birthday. Good weather. Cocktails at Muirs'.
	25		Ralph Henderson (<i>Jack Prisley's sister Sue Henderson's husband</i>) died 7:00 A.M. an aneurysm. Jack drove his parents home from K.W. where they'd been since 20 th .
	26		We took Jack and Prisleys to local airport for Lynchburg.
	31		ABTs to Blackwater Falls, W.Va. 4 captains, daughters & sons & dates, ages from Kenny to college. 3 midshipmen including Rob's Richard. A quiet New Year for us three here.

Jan	6	1969	Took Sis back to Tampa.
	14		I began class in Creative Writing
	16		Dunlaps here overnite
	20		Marion & Bob Dugan (<i>Mibby's kin</i>) called. Ken (<i>Batt</i>) has cancer of prostate
	25		To Crooked Lake
	27		Home again. Frances Sylvan totally senile – recognizes no one.
Feb	10		Mem flew to La Jolla for a week with her family. Ken (<i>Batt</i>) not responding very well to cobalt treatments.
	12		Charlotte Behr (<i>close friend & former neighbor</i>) with us for a few days.
	13		Little Tori flew out of back door, over Arnett's shoulder. Fear he is gone for good.
	15		Hard rain and 4 ½ foot tidal wave hit Bradenton beaches & Lido. Much water damage.
	21		Charlotte and I lunched with Gladys at Maas.
	23		Baxter McIntosh died today following long illness – lung cancer
	26		Got new glasses & frames. Sprained left ankle.
	28		Young Fred voted into Jr. Honor Society
Mar	2		Edmund & Mil, Frank & Bernadette Jordan here for afternoon Dinner at Oyster House to celebrate our anniversary (48 th)

Mar 10 1969 Arnett got new glasses - \$48.00
 11 Edith Callihan (*neighbor*) returned from 2 months, South Africa
 April 5 We left for Columbia to take Frances' effects from storage – staying with Frances McIntosh
 12 Home again – Frances S. did not recognize us – she is in pitiful, senile condition and wraithlike.
 19 Rug, chest & chairs arrive from Columbia
 20 Watsons over for afternoon
 23 Nard leaves for Europe
 30 " returned from "
 May 13 A & I to Key West to visit J.P.Ps
 20 Frances S. died 10:30 PM A blessed release for her troubled mind & spirit
 21 A & I drove home from K.W.
 22 I left by air for Frances' funeral – Sis unable to stand trip.
 23 Mr. Austell, trust officer, read me F's will. She left the 4 apts and all her money to Sister & me. I was shocked beyond words.
 24 A sweet & simple graveside service for Fran. A number of friends in attendance & many lovely flowers. I've stayed at Gudmundsons' as Frances Mc in Texas with Martha (*McI. Spellings, another sister*).
 26 Home again with, as usual, very bad cold & cough.
 June 2 Spent the day with Sis in Tampa
 7 To Lake Wales for weekend
 9 Head from " for D.C.
 11 Arrived DC 10:30 A.M.
 12 Robin graduated from H.S. – class of 750 – Constitution Hall.
 14 Nard, Mem, Kenny, Arnett & I to New Germany State Park, Grantsville, Md. Rob to beach.
 21 Back in D.C. after wonderfully restful week.
 22 We took Nard & Mem to dinner at Ft. McNair Off. Club
 23 Nard orders to Honolulu
 25 Left for home
 26 Spent nite in Tryon, N.C. Dinner with Percys (*Sebring friends*).
 28 Home – 2200+ miles – very, very hot.
 July 1 Got bike
 3 EHTs leave for S. Am. Theon Sebring died.
 7 A & I to Theon Sebring's funeral. Buells came by during our absence.
 9 Elizabeth had urethra stretched. Jack's headaches bad. They bought Pontiac wagon.
 11 Frances Barrett Austell born (*Columbia, SC*).
 17 Laurel tree trimmed back
 18 Roof re-plasticized
 20 Neil Armstrong, Buzz (Edwin) Aldrin landed on the moon 4:14 P.M. First foot on moon 10:15 P.M. "Small step on the moon, great step for mankind" Michael Collins orbiting in "Columbia".
 21 Jim to Johns Hopkins for 3 days of tests.
 Eagle & Columbia "docked" safely at 5:40 P.M.
 23 Safe splashdown from moon.

Jul 28 1969 Mother gone 10 years today – seems impossible so long ago. Check came for Fran’s apts – a windfall
 30 Brought Sis from Tampa
 31 Muirs & Cynthia (*neighbors*) over for Mai Tais, Arnett’s first attempt great success – their anniversary Aug 1st. Jocko Muir killed in Vietnam, gunshot on his river patrol. Had leave home last month – reenlisted. We grieve for them all – only grandson & fine boy.
 Got new lawn mower.

Aug 5 Van came for cedar chest.
 8 J.P.Ps here two days en route duty D.C.
 17 Called ABTs prior their departure for Hawaii. JPPs there – they have a rental in Vienna – occupancy 8/30.
 Hurricane Camille, 190 M.P.H., devastated Biloxi, Gulf Port, Bay St. Louis, Miss. – 239 estimated dead.
 18 Movers today & tomorrow for ABTs
 21 ABTs leave for Cal. – rendezvous with Robin who’s been in Colorado. Nard to report to CINCPAC staff.
 23 To W.H. (*Winter Haven*) for weekend
 31 Jack reports for duty – Defense intelligence

Sept 5 Nard “ “ “ . (*ABTs?*) bought 1967 Volkswagen
 8 I began writing school.
 20 EHT and Phil here
 21 “ ” and we to Watsons’ in St. Pete. Nell there. Lunch at Bath Club
 24 Nard on week’s trip to Japan
 26 Robin at Hood College, Frederick Md.
 29 ABTs have down pay on (*selling?*) Falls Church house.

Oct 1 I fell – ruptured big blood vessel in left ankle.
 4 Barbara Coupe took her life. Two of her children with Judy until Dick can find an apt. in Norfolk.
 9 Flu shots for A & me. Ankle still very swollen.
 14 Ankle still swollen & painful & I housebound. Arnett so sweet & helpful.
 19 Robin has made Hood’s choir.

Nov 2 Watsons here for several hours
 5 Started furnace & electric blanket.
 11 Little trip to St. Augustine – see Ft. Marion – trying to write about Grandfather Wm. Thos. Caldwell’s escape during Revolution.
 16 Nard on flying trip. In D.C. with J & J. Talked to them all – Robin there too. Still no housing in Honolulu.
 18 Arnett having lower teeth pulled.
 21 X-ray of ankle – no bones broken.
 Deposited check from auction of Frances’ effects.

Dec 12 I attended Book Club homecoming in Sebring. Stayed with Maxine Martin overnite.
 17 Brought Sis from Tampa for holidays
 25 EHTs & Mary Ann here for dinner & afternoon. Gave M.A. Polly’s quilt. Phil in love – couldn’t leave his girl. M.A. teaching Creative Writing U. of Miami, Ohio.

Dec	29	1969	Took Sister home. Feel very sorry for her as Nibbles (<i>cocker spaniel</i>) is nearing end of her span – 17 ½ years.

Jan	5	1970	Arnett had 4 teeth extracted.
	9		Mollie Muir fell and broke her hip.
	12		Arnett now toothless! End of 4 days of excessive cold weather. Heavy frost this a.m. Considerable citrus damage being evaluated – worst cold since 1962.
	17		My back been bad. Xrays show spurs along spine.
	19		Sister's dear Nibbles put to sleep this a.m.
			Percys arrived unexpectedly – staying overnite. Many reminiscences.
	25		Brought Sis down from Tampa
Feb	1		Nard leaves this week for his trip to the Orient, postponed from last November
	8		Took Sis home.
	13		Sue Henderson & Harry Rockefeller engaged
	23		Spent weekend in Winter Haven. Mil went with us to Mickler's Floridiana, Chuluota, about my book.
	24		Home again
	28		Our 49 th anniversary. Made reservations for north-west tour in July – premature celebration while we are both physically able to enjoy it.
Mar	2		Mary's arm in a sling – some nerve trouble
	10		Laurel tree topped - \$47.00
	11		Fred 2, strep throat
	21		EHTs here overnite
	27		Arnett finally got his dentures. Looks very nice. Now to become accustomed to them.
	29		Robin with us from Hood College, Frederick, Md for her spring holiday. Met her plane in Tampa. Very complimented she wanted to pay us a visit. Saw Sister who looks very bad.
Apr	1		Edmund retired from Citrus Oil Co.
	2		Robin on plane to Friendship hour late leaving B-ton in rain due to bad weather in Atlanta. Danny Pell, her boyfriend, to meet her.
	6		Arnett painting house eaves.
	27		Prisley Srs. left for Sue's wedding – Cathedral – D.C.
May	2		Sue and Harry married.
			Robin sings with Hood choir at Lehigh – Beethoven's Mass in C.
	20		Buells leave for Alaska.
	22		Little jaunt to Hernando
	24		1.5 inches rain. First good one in 2 months
	30		Watsons here for evening. Dinner at Pete Reynard's.
June	3		Greatly (!) disappointed Nard not promoted to Adm. Only 2 submariners out of 45, one Adm. Moorer's son, fine, other n.g. according to his classmates
	7		Robin flies from N.Y. to Honolulu for summer
	16		Doctor says Arnett has enlarged heart. On digitalis & kidney medicine for too much fluid.
	17		Kenny begins summer school – Asian history & speed writing

Jun 19 1970 Judy and children arrive in Tampa, via train
 All of us to Taylor cottage at Crooked Lake
 22 Broke my right little toe
 25 met Bill Henry Mary Ann's fiancé
 27 Birthday party for Edmund – Cold Duck et al. He, Mil, M.A. and Bill and all
 of us – Phil at a wedding
 30 Home again. Received check from Frances' estate. Check for \$10,000.00
 retained by 1st Nat'l Bank, Columbia, for taxes etc. Remainder if any to be
 divided eventually between Sister & me.
 July 2 Took Judy and children to train in Tampa – 3:00 P.M.
 Saw Sister. She says maybe she'll repair 813 to live there!
 12 EHTs here to bid us bon voyage on tour. Talked to Nard in D.C. on
 business. He has Jim there for couple of days. Prisley Jr.s on leave
 elsewhere.
 21 Sent letter of bequests to be included in will to Nard
 " copy "" " " " " " to Judy (not to be opened until our deaths)
 Have put all our assets but house and car in a trust at 1st Nat'l Bank, B-ton.
 Sister done likewise, except included her house, Exchange Nat'l Bank,
 Tampa
 23 Big day – leave for 34 day bus trip
 Aug 25 Home after 9500 miles. Wonderful time – Atlanta, Calif., Oregon, Wash.,
 British Columbia, Banff, Lake Louise, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons. Will never
 be forgotten. Arnett some sort of allergy from Banff to Denver. Made a
 tape of trip.
 Sept 5 Mary Ann and Bill Henry married, Rosslyn Hill Chapel, London, England.
 17 I spent the day with Sister. She not equal to trip to us.
 26 Weekend with EHTs at lake – nice. Windy & cool
 28 Home again
 Oct 9 To Winter Haven for nite
 10 All of us to Lion Country at Palm Beach. Most interesting
 12 Home again
 13-15 To Tampa to clean up Sister's upstairs. Arnett stayed home
 18 Nard & Mary in San Diego for a week – he on business, she space available
 30 Robin's friend, Danny Pell, in critical condition from auto wreck – severe
 head injuries. Robin with Judy.
 Nov 5 Danny died this a.m. Robin's first brush with real personal tragedy. He was
 lucky as there was irreparable brain damage
 7 EHTs here. Dinner at Watsons' in St. Pete.
 14 Got new works in grandfather clock \$119.60, tax \$4.60
 24 Without refrigerator for 3 days – new thermostat installed
 28 Julia Ella Welch died (*Priestly Welch's mother?*)
 Dec 17 Left B-ton on Nat'l Airlines for Christmas with J & J in D.C. (*Vienna, VA*)
 Fare CAT \$128, SMT \$96 – round trip
 21 Fine 72nd birthday with our children and grands. Wish ABTs could have
 been on hand – Robin was. Snowed in late afternoon to cover roofs and
 ground.
 23 Sr. Prisleys with Sue and Harry (*also living in Vienna*).
 25 A happy Christmas. Steve's garden a great success. Heavy snow.

Dec 26 1970 More snow – 8-10 inches.
 Arnett been feeling bum with same allergy as when on tour (*JTP's note: In retrospect, don't believe it was allergy, but heart stress and fluid accumulation*)

29 Judy, Fred and I to Langhorne. Jimmie a man now. Seems happy. Was very glad to see us. Went to lunch and shopping.

Jan 3 1971 Jack inducted into vestry
 Fred & Steve served at communion. Happy day for us all.

5 Home again, rather bad weather, bumpy ride, seat belts fastened almost entire ride. Murray Callihan met us.

13 Peggy Herrick Carson's baby born – 6 lb. 11 oz – named Sharon Elizabeth

17 Mil, Edmund & Phil here for dinner & watch Eastern Pro game

18 Word from Percys. John's wife divorced him – very nasty.

21 Yesterday & today quite cold – low 20s, 18 in Tally

24 Finally finished revision & typing of "Roots"

25 Phoned J & J. Arnett to have double cataract operation

26 Judy to have gall bladder x-rays & tests

27 Air conditioner installed - \$563.15. Think will be good for Arnett's breathing & arthritis. He is far from himself.

29 Cataract removed from Arnett's left eye.

30 Mil & Edmund down overnite. Have sold lake property

31 Arnett terribly confused & disoriented. Doctor and nurses asked that I stay from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to help – shortage of nurses.

Feb 2 Second cataract removed.

3 More confused than before and restrained in bed. Has temporary glasses as first bandage off. Can distinguish light & some color.

5 Second bandage removed. A little quieter.

6 Sister been ill – 2 bugs.

8 Arnett home from hospital. Can see to light cigar & feed himself. Very weak.

9 Tornadoes from Pensacola to Jax. High winds here & some 5 inches of rain. Arnett shaved himself.

11 A bad nite for Arnett – still very confused.

12 Another bad nite – nothing helps.

13 Edmund & Mil here overnite. A big help as I'm exhausted.

14 6 AM Arnett had bad heart attack – back in hospital. Thank God Mil & Ed here. Phoned children as doctors very pessimistic – Nard & Judy will come. A's heart very enlarged & arteriosclerosis most pronounced. That causes the confusion.

16 Nard & Judy flew in this afternoon. EHTs went home. Arnett so confused & restless. Phone calls from all the family

22 Children left 4:10 PM for D.C. – Nard to a Polaris meeting, Judy to her family. We discussed all eventualities we could think of. Doctor Knowles says we must just go from day to day.

24 A little stronger today – joked a bit. Put on soft diet as so much weight loss caused loose dentures.

25 Sutures out.

Feb 28 1971 Our Golden Anniversary. Ed & Mil here for day, took me to dinner, then to hospital where Arnett joined us in a small cocktail. Ed & Mil sent us lovely flowers and the four children gave us miniatures of ourselves – Arnett in uniform, I in Jr-Sr banquet dress. How I wish Arnett could really see them. We were indeed wise to take our western tour last year for we have wonderful memories to cherish together.

Mar 1 Cut off heater. Arnett showing first real improvement.
3 Cold – heater on again
5 Going to hospital to feed Arnett supper – nurses rush him too much.
6 Took Sis home.
8 Arnett to Grovemont Nursing Home Check from Wilsons Inc. Co. \$380.00
11 Sis back again to be company for me. Not well – such a bad cough.
12 Word from Percys. M. F. (*Mary Frances*) been in hospital – sciatica. Arnett best of any day, less confused, eating better but so thin & gaunt. I can scarcely recognize him.
13 Jack off for conference in Brussels.
19 Finally got Arnett’s dentures relined - \$45!
20 Jim in Pa. hospital for tests – seizures bad
23 Maxine Martin here overnite. Arnett knew her & we enjoyed her visit.
25 Frances McI to have feet operated on – fallen arches ?
Jimmie to be operated on – tumor on the brain. Mary, Robin & Batts in Phila.
26 Five doctors found two big cysts on Jim’s brain which can be drained or cauterized instead of removed. One size of hen egg behind temple. Arnett coming to help Mary with him when he gets out of bed – he’s too big for her to handle alone.
28 Mil & Ed here few hours. Took Sis to Tampa. Arnett not so alert & rear bothering him greatly – small bed sore & so thin he sits on bones.
29 Long special delivery from Memmy with details of Jim’s operation – our poor children – their cross is a heavy one.
30 Jack home from Brussels.
31 Arnett discharged from Grovemont today. I pray God for A’s improvement & for strength & patience for me to aid in his getting better. This has been the longest two months of my life.

Apr 1 Very bad nite – no more than 3 hrs sleep. Something in his poor mind forbids him to lie down to close his eyes. I wonder if we can make it.
2 Nard phoned. Jim goes to Woods Hospital Monday. Mary returns to Hawaii that day, Arnett today.
Have engaged a sitter for Arnett Sr – 3 hrs a day, 3 days a week.
3 Nurse for Arnett 3 nites a week.
4 Nites very nightmarish. My poor darling simply can’t relax & sleep. Sundowner’s Syndrome hospital nurses call it.
6 Arnett’s sedative changed to no avail. My heart aches for him in his confused distress!
7 EHTs fly from Miami to London, then Spain for some six weeks vacation – 8 hour flight. Bill and Mary Ann to meet them.
10 Jim still in Woods Infirmary
11 Watsons here several hours

Apr 17 1971 A's nites still bad. Have new, very good nurse
 28 Nurse 4 nites a week now.

May 17 My back bad – too much bending & stooping I guess. Went to osteopath –
 Dr. Singleton
 18 Paul (*Gillette*) in Tripler (*military hospital in HI*) – cancer removed from
 lower eyelid
 20 Arnett accepted for Veterans help - \$100 a month, doctor's bills &
 prescriptions – a big financial help
 20 Dr. Knowles called at house to see Arnett. Had a heart attack himself – a
 blow to us.
 21 I just had to ask Judy to come down to give me physical support & help in
 decisions – nurse 5 nites now and I'm giving out of strength. Judy arrived
 today. Arnett didn't know her.
 25 GE washer & dryer installed - \$356.57 + \$25 electrician + \$18.50 for
 plumber. Arnett almost totally incontinent.
 26 Nard at meeting in D.C. I discouraged him coming down as his time very
 limited. One ray of sunlight – he's promised executive job at USNA in math
 & science dept. Good qtrs. Reports in October.
 28 Mil & Edmund came in late afternoon.
 29 Put my darling back in Grovemont as I can no longer manage his care,
 even with help. He cannot feed himself, or smoke, play cards or read, or
 shave himself, or advise of his personal needs or sleep.
 30 55th Anniversary of my father's death. Sudden death is sometimes a
 merciful thing for a dear one's family.
 I'm not visiting Arnett yet, not till Judy leaves, letting him accustom himself
 to the surroundings & routine. She reports him content & well cared for.
 EHTs ret'd to W.H.

Jun 3 4:10 PM Judy just left for D.C. God bless her for all she did for her daddy &
 me – so willingly & lovingly. Arnett loses ground steadily. Is cognizant only
 for brief periods.
 6 EHTs here in PM. Arnett very drowsy. Paid him brief visit, then to dinner.
 7 Got checks (chux?) for Arnett from VA in St. Pete.
 8 " medicine " " " " by mail – 19 days.
 9 A. seems a little stronger in body but not in our world mentally. Sometimes
 scarcely knows me. "Tail" bothers him constantly.
 10 Percys here 4 hrs. M.F. much better but using a cane. Did not go to see
 Arnett.
 12 Bill & Elizabeth (*Watson*) here. Took me to dinner but didn't go to see A.
 Bill felt bad & they left for home right after dinner.
 15 Got Sis from Tampa. Her jaw bad where abscessed tooth pulled – she's
 very frail & in constant pain.
 17 Little or no change in Arnett. I go around three each day, then feed him his
 pureed supper so he does not have to hurry. He no longer worries over his
 Lake Region job as he's done constantly – now he doesn't think at all
 beyond answering questions as to his needs. Is down to 98 lbs.
 19 EHTs here for overnite.
 29 To St. Pete for supplies. Called E. Watson but no answer. Callihan's house
 entered, burglar evidently after money only.

Jun 29 1971 Kenny elected V.P. of Jr. class at Punahoe, will manage Carnival which makes \$150,000 a year for school activities. He'll stay on in Hono. when Nard & Mary return to mainland in late August.

July 2 Bill Watson died today – aged 61.

4 EHTs here. We went to St. Pete. Nell & Jack (*Herrick*), Jack & Mary Steele, Delkin E's brother & wife Helen, Billy & Pat & Kelly all there.

5 Edmund took Sis to Tampa. 2 Jacks & Mary here – men saw Kenny's 16th birthday – 6 ft 2".

6 Bill's funeral the loveliest & most consoling I've ever attended – St. Vincent's in St. Pete.

17 Mil & Edmund here – my rocks of strength. Little change in Arnett except a bit weaker.

20 To St. Pete for A's supplies. Lunch at Hilton with Eliz. Watson – she doing very well.

27 Prisley Srs. left by air for DC visit

31 Ed & Mil & young Eddie here.

Aug 1 To W.H. to look things over for possible move. A unusually perky.

3 Edmund drove me to Tampa. Sis faced with wrecking 813 So. Packwood & moving into an apt. Branham Dunlap died of massive stroke.

4 Home by bus. A. quite alert & showed he'd missed me greatly.

9 Judy called. Fred flying down alone on 13th. Called Maxine. She is doing well after both breasts removed – non-malignant.

12 Packers for ABTs

13 Movers " "

14 Fred arrived by plane. EHTs & Eddie here over weekend.

20 Nard & Mary fly to Calif. Kenny stays in Hono. Broke his right wrist in football two hours before parents' plane due to leave.

22 JPPs arrived in new yellow V.W. bus.

24 Arnett home, 10:00 AM – 8:30 PM. Did real well & so happy.

26 Sister's furniture terminated. She at Dawsons'.

27 New drain field for septic tank - \$145.00

29 J & J took me to Tampa's new international airport to meet Mems & Nard. Quite a spread! We stopped for an hour or two to see Sister at Mrs. Dawson's.

30 Arnett in trou (*trousers*) and shirt for first time in 3 months to welcome M & A.

31 Arnett Sr. home for the day – doing remarkably well. M & A a joy to have after 2 yrs. absence.

Sept 1 Jr. Prisleys by at 7:00 AM for coffee, heading back to DC. Such a brief summer's visit divided with Sr. Prisleys. Edmund in auto accident, chin & head abrasions and bruised ribs – car a total wreck.

2 Phil (*Taylor*) assigned to JFK carrier based at Mayport, FL.

3 M & A took me to first movie I've seen in 2 yrs. Arnett continues his improvement.

4 J & J rented house going on market & they'll have to move.

Sep 5 1971 Arnett home over nite – slept all nite as compared to those nightmare nites in May & June when 15 min's was often the maximum.

6 Martha (*Gillette*) in Tripler – vascular surgery may again be needed.

7 Sister moved today to Apt 120, Bayshore Garden Apts. after nearly 30 years at 813 S. Packwood.

8 M & A and I spent all day in Tampa helping Sister get unpacked & settled – even most curtains hung. Apt attractive and comfortable Rain all day.

9 M & A left on 4:10 plane for Philly to see Jimmie – then to 11 Porter Rd, USNA for new duty. We had a wonderful visit from them – if only Arnett Sr. had been with us all the time.

14 Arnett home for day and nite. Supper at Kissin Kousins – first meal out in 8 ½ months.

16 Van picked up furniture we gave to A & M.

18 EHTs here. Arnett home overnite.

19 Arnett did fine. Dr. Knowles back at office, AMs only. Buells phoned – home from Europe.

20 Nard reported for duty – head of math & science depts.. at USNA – executive, no teaching. Has quarters on yard – a huge house.

21 Dr. Sibley checked A's glasses – no change for him. New glasses for me – I've cataracts starting.
To Tampa to help Sister. Sorry to miss Arnett's 74th birthday but no other chance to go.

22 Edith Callihan took Arnett big birthday cake.

23 Home again for me. Stopped by Grovemont and found Arnett feeding himself – 1st time in 4 mo.

24 Phil (*Taylor*) graduated from OCS as an ensign. M & E there.

25 Arnett home to stay. His improvement miraculous. Cassette recorder from Nard & Mems for his birthday.

Oct 6 Ed, Mil, Buddy & Phil here for couple of hours.

9 Phil reports to JFK

10 Mem flies to La Jolla to celebrate 50th anniversary with her parents – Peg there too. Just their 2 girls as Peggy still much troubled with her mouth "Lichen platen (*planus?*)" malady is termed.

15 Arnett slept all nite with no pill – 1st time since Jan 28. EHTs & Nell here overnite.

22 Marsh (*Martha Gillette*) has a bleeding kidney.

23 Got oval rug for sunroom - \$54.09

24 To Eustis re Dorr release of some acreage. Arnett fine tho very weary. I must help him in many ways & do much thinking for him and he cannot read or write. He enjoys me reading to him as we've done all our married life.

25 Jim McI operated on for removal of cancerous epiglottis.

Nov 10 Bill Bivens' wife, Louise, died of heart attack.
Young Fred has mono.

11 Arnett's tranquilizer reduced to 2 a day.

14 EHTs here for day.

15 Margaret Dunlap's brother died

16 Lady Louise Dunlap died

Nov	20	1971	Arnett insisted on hanging awning we'd taken down to wash off mildew. I was anxious but I try not to impose my will on him if I can avoid it.
	24		Tape from Nard. Kenny doing well in Punahoe – 25 th in class of 404.
	29		Arnett and I to Tampa to see sister for several hours.
Dec	5		" " " to Winter Haven.
	6		Home again. Arnett very tired but enjoyed his visit
	7		Nard's 50 th birthday – Mems gave him a real surprise party.
	21		Jim McI still very ill.
	22		Brought sis from Tampa.
	25		A quiet tho happy Christmas. Arnett able to read cards & play Santa as always.
	26		Edmund, Phil & Mil here for couple of hours.
	31		New Year's Eve and we are so grateful to God for Arnett's improvement and these months together.

Jan	3	1972	Took sis back to Tampa. Arnett stood trip rather well.
	4		Percy here several hours en route Orlando. Wouldn't stay overnite, 9:30 date tomorrow and heavy fogs each AM.
	10		Arnett had shot of cortisone in shoulder, for pain. Blood test for sugar negative, difficulty in getting to sleep at nite and hard to breathe.
	12		To St. Pete to see Eliz. Watson. Arnett tired but stood trip OK.
	13		Sis "poorly" – nausea, headaches, pain & swelling due to fogs.
	20		Marsh (<i>Martha Gillette</i>) in Tripler again – perhaps another "arteriogram"
	31		.8" rain – first decent one in weeks.
Feb	1		Rain all day.
	3		Martha Spellings called. Les – eldest grandson appointed to USNA & they wanted some info.
	4		My precious Arnett gave up his long struggle at 4:00 PM. We were at the dining table, peacefully rearranging our old photo album when he suddenly bowed his head, his shoulders slumped and he painlessly left me. God had given us a long, good life together, full of love and comradeship, two wonderful children. Arnett was always so sweet and good to me, from the day of our marriage. I wish he might have had time to say once more "I love you," but it was better for himself to go so quickly with no warning, and I thank God that He spared me to take care of my darling and not leave him alone. Please, God, give me the strength to bear my sorrow bravely but life will be so terribly lonely after 51 years of closeness to each other. Edmund came at once, stayed with me overnite, and brought sister from Tampa.
	5		Nard, Mary and Judy arrived at noon.
	7		Jack arrived this morning.
			A simple, comforting service for Arnett at 4:00 PM at Griffin-Cline's Chapel. He lay in peace beneath the flag of our country which he had served in WWI and loved.
	9		Mems & Jack left this morning.
	10		Nard took sister home then left at 4:00 PM. He and I attended to the most pressing business matters.
	11		Judy and I left for Vienna

Feb 17 1972 Robin drove me to USNA in snowstorm.
 20 Nard, Mems and I had a nice visit with Jimmie.
 28 Got a small stereo to give me music in my lonely house at home.

March 1 Returned to Vienna
 10 Flew to Greenville, SC where Percys met me.
 11 Percys and I left for Fla. Spent nite at New Perry Hotel, Perry, Ga. M.F. (*Mary Frances*) & I took a walk and located the house where Arnett, Judy & I had an apt. before going on to Nard's wedding.
 12 Home at 4:30 PM and Percys stayed overnite. It was a help not to return home alone.
 19 Mil & Edmund here overnite.
 24 Gave old tape recorder to Be____ School for Deaf, Sarasota
 26 M & Ed came in AM. Had dinner at Martine's, then a nice ride out to Anna Maria.
 27 To St. Pete for several days with Eliz. Watson
 30 Sis ill with stomach upset and doctor won't let her leave Tampa yet.
 31 Bill Bivens here – We attended Good Friday service and he took me to dinner. His wife died in late Nov.

Apr 1 Nard phoned. Jim had to have cyst drained again and is in a coma.
 2 A sad day alone – no word from Nard.
 3 Coma deepening for our Jim – doctors predict his death within 3 days – Arnett says a week because of Jim's strong constitution.
 4 Two months today since my precious Arnett gave up his brave struggle.
 6 To Tampa to see sis – she far from well
 9 Home again. Mil & Ed here over nite – they have surely been kind & loyal to me.
 Phil in Rome. Jimmie still in deep coma.
 10 Mary's job at Md. legislature over for this year.
 12 Eliz. Watson leaves for European tour.
 Painters & carpenters doing some needed repairs to house.
 13 Good repair job - \$302.75. Carpets back from cleaner.
 15 Doctor says Jim slipping a bit each day.
 19 Nard presented Legion of Merit medal at USNA parade for his work on CINCPAC staff.
 20 Our sweet Jimmie died at 6:00 this morning never having come out of the coma.
 21 Memorial service for Jim at Methodist Chapel near Woods where the children attend regular afternoon services. Only his parents, Robin and Judy represented the family. The children tho't it best that I not go.
 To Winter Haven for long weekend
 22 Memorial service at small USNA chapel. Quite crowded in pouring rain. Batts were there.
 28 Buells here – took me to lunch & visited several hours.
 29 To Tampa over nite. Sis about the same.

May 5 Jack passed over for Admiral. They really not too sorry and Jack said he'd stepped on too many toes along the way.
 Front car seat reupholstered - \$20.80
 8 Dick Cronshey died this morning – suddenly like Arnett

miss him beyond expression, more as the days pass, but try to keep it to myself. Indeed I am fortunate to have good health & not put a burden on anyone.

Oct 11-18 1972 Buells came for the nite and took me home with them. Need rain terribly.
 26 Note from Nard enclosing one from Paul. He and Marsh been in Tripler Hospital a month and we didn't know. He has ruptured disc, Marsh we just don't know.
 29 Tippa machine serviced - \$13.00
 30 Hide-a-bed reupholstered & new mattress – good job \$235.00. Hassock with needlepoint – very pretty.

Nov 1-3 To Tampa – altered five dresses for sis. The osteoporosis causes hips to swell.
 5 EHTs here for several hours.
 9 Gladys operated on – plastic hip ball & socket.
 11-13 To Winter Haven. Edmund took us to Showboat in St. Pete - my first supper club – good show – Pat O'Brian & wife.
 Gladys doing well. Visited her after Red X duty.
 15 First seasonal use of electric blanket.
 Paul in Maui hospital – very ill – kidney infection & traction
 16 Lit heater.
 21 Paul's condition critical. Mil & I set to fly out if worst befalls as Paul has no one to be with Martha & neither Nard nor Edmund able to be away more than a week.
 23 Muirs asked me to a very nice Thanksgiving dinner.
 30 Paul transferred to Tripler. He has kidney infection and myeloma (cancer of bone marrow). Doctor gives no hope of recovery.

Dec 1 Marsh fell, hurt back & ankle.
 3 Edmund & Mil came for me. We spent nite with Sis.
 4 Mil & I to Honolulu. Kenny met us at airport. Spent nite & saw Paul. So thin & worn. Dialysis being used but to be stopped as futile as myeloma will kill him.
 14 Marsh, Mil & I to Hono. for day with Paul.
 18 Mil & I left for home.
 19 Ed & Phil met us 5:30 AM in Tampa. Mil & Phil drove me to B-ton & I repacked & caught 3:00 flight to D.C.
 The four children met me – A & M took me on to USNA
 20 Kenny arrived for holidays.
 21 All of us to Vienna for birthday dinner. Sr. Prisleys there, so with Robin, 12 in all – a nice evening.
 25 A good Christmas, our first in 15 yrs, yet sad without my precious Arnett and our dear Jimbo. Sis called.
 28 To Vienna for me, & Kenny. A & M for a week in Spain, space available.
 29 Kenny back to Hono. Judy has had flu.
 30 A very inspiring Christian New Year watch party. 28 in all with friends & their children.

 Jan 5 1973 Nard & Mary safely home after a week's visit – space available to Spain – a fine trip but each sick one day – water.

Jan 6 1973 Judy been sick all week – now better.
Paul died today, ten days short of his 80th birthday. A blessed relief for him as there was no hope for improvement.

12 Nard to Honolulu to represent family at Paul’s funeral. He was buried in small veterans’ cemetery on Maui.

13 I’m back at USNA. Robin just missed pneumonia.

14 Quite cold but no snow. Rob better.

16 Nard home on military flight, non-stop, from Hickam Air Base, Honoulu, to Griffiths Air Base where we stopped last summer. Martha doing well.

20 Dinner party, 3 couples. I just finished upholstering living room chair in time.

22 Pres. Johnson died.

23 Oyster supper at Pattons’. Found I like the things, raw.

28 M & A brought me back to Vienna after chapel service and good brunch at the club.

Feb 1 J & J left 9:45 AM from Dulles for St. Thomas, V.I. with Cynthia & Rick Palmer. I sit with young.

3 Flu for me. Coughed all nite.

4 My precious Arnett gone from me one year – it seems an eon.

6 Conference with Dr. Comosole for flu.

8 J & J back – a wonderful holiday.

9 Feeling much better.

11 ABTs and Rob came to bid me goodbye.

14 Reached home 1:00 PM. Dear Callihans met me & had dinner with them. One (*actually it was 2*) year ago Arnett had the heart attack. Elizabeth (*Prine*) phoned, Robert is dying in the hospital so I spent the nite with her

15 Robert died at 9:30 AM. I again stayed with Eliz.

16 Again over nite with Elizabeth. Funeral tomorrow.

17 Went to see Sr. Prisleys. Fred failing – very thin.
Frances Steele married Chas. Perry Jones

18 Rained all day. Very dreary & cough still bad.

24 Mil, Ed & Mary Ann here for few hours – such a pleasure.

27 To Tampa for nite with Sister.

28 Our 52nd anniversary. My loneliness assuaged by unexpected arrival of Percys.

Mar 1 To St. Pete with Percys. Saw Elizabeth Watson. Joined AARP.

2 To Sebring. Percys so good to me. Called on Gearings, Mildred Heston, Hilan Rogers, Ruth Sebring & took Maxine to dinner.

3 Noon – home again. Percys on way back to N.C.

6 Had to replace water heater. In warranty so only installation charge - \$36.00

14 Edith & I brought Sister from Tampa for visit

15 Steve received the Holy Spirit

26 Edith & I took sis home.
Miss Ney (Lowry) died several days ago

29 Had lunch at Reynards with Elizabeth Prine. Called on Looneys – he had double cataract operation

Apr 7 To see Sis. Mil & Edmund came, took us to dinner & spent the nite.

Apr	8	1973	Home
	9		Scrubbed yellow house trim.
	11		I painted " " "
	13		Cut off heater
	15		EHTs & Jordans here briefly. Lit heater again.
	16		Heater off. Made deposit for Nova Scotia tour in July with Elizabeth Prine.
	28		Took a mis-step at mail box & broke my right wrist. Cast put on at emergency room – Callihans drove me & had me to supper. Such wonderful friends and neighbors.
	29		Cast, from fingertips 2/3 to shoulder too tight causing much swelling. Emergency room again for loosening.
	30		Visited Dr. Beaudry.
May	4		Elizabeth Prine brought me a complete dinner & her maid to clean house!
	5		Mil, Ed, Virgie & Will here overnite.
	6		EHTs' 40 th anniversary
	8		Robin graduated from Geo Washington U. No ceremony. Taking a holiday in Bahamas. Phoned from Miami.
	9		Elizabeth P, Marian Cronshey, Gretta Profit & I by bus for day at Disney World, cast & all.
	13		Mothers Day. EHTs here.
	14		Cast lessened to just below elbow. Many bad bruises.
	20		To Tampa with Eliz. Prine. Mary Ann & Bill left N.Y. to live in England
	22		Cast replaced by splint & ace bandage. Still much pain & swelling.
	24		Bill Bivens called from Claremont. Came by & took me to lunch at Pete's, then on to Tampa to his brother's funeral.
	27		A/C turned on, first time for summer Sent Robin & Buddy's Beth checks – latter thru High School
	28		Mem to Honolulu for Kenny graduation -- " ""
	30		Eyes tested – no change in glasses yet hard to see street signs etc. at distance.
June	1		Discharged by Dr. Beaudry & begin therapy treatments at Happiness House.
	3		Mem & Kenny to Maui.
	5		" home again – Kenny follows in few days
	8		Elizabeth Pringle had 4 teeth pulled – prior to braces. Poor little girl – a long siege ahead. Steve almost thru.
	9		Bill (<i>Bivens</i>) here for weekend. Good to renew our High School friendship.
	19		Finally some rain.
	20		Thru (<i>therapy</i>) at H.H.
	21		Dr. B says surgery needed to relieve pinched nerve.
	22		Eliz. P. and I to Tampa for several hours. Sis looks better – not so drawn – weight up to 126 lbs.
	28		Eliz & I to her cottage in Sylva N.C. for week.
	30		Called on Looneys at Balsom & had lunch with them. He is failing.
July	6		Eliz Prine and I to Vienna for nite
	7		We joined Trailways for tour to Nova Scotia. In N.Y.C. for nite – saw Rockettes – Viva la Mexico Stayed at Statler – Hilton Hotel

Jul 8 1973 Montreal – dinner at Old Munich.
 9 Two nites in Quebec at Chateau Frontenac. Sightseeing & ferry trip at nite.
 13 Jennifer Elizabeth Jones born to Frances Steele Jones & ...
 22 Arrived back in D.C. 5:30 PM. A fine trip, good accommodations, wonderful
 food, lovely & also stark scenery, trip on launch round Perce Rock and
 Bonaventure Island, delightful companions. J & J, Mem, Nard & Kenny met
 us, had steak dinner at Emersons, then put Eliz. on bus for Sylva.
 23 Interviewed Dr. Casabono about wrist surgery.
 25 " Dr. Cowen, hand specialist. He wished therapy for a week prior to
 surgery (*and was the doctor selected*).
 26 Exercises 10 min out of every hour! Bad as nursing a baby time-wise.
 30 Kenny operated on for congenital hernia – doing well
 Aug 5 Hayloft Dinner Theatre, guest of J & J. Tom Jones – hilarious & raw.
 6 To Arlington Hospital – first time since the back trouble in 1949. Lucky me.
 7 Surgery on wrist.
 8 Home in AM. Must elevate arm above head for 48 hrs and make a fist
 9 Jack – new job with CIA Staff. Rate with Civil Service of #16 (*GS-16*)
 means big salary raise. All set except physicals, polygraph & release by
 Navy Dept.
 17 Some 21 stitches removed. Soaking, exercises and therapy order of the
 day.
 Much pain but bearable. Children & grands so good to me.
 22 Fred back from Sea Camp. Stopped in Tampa to look U. of So. Fla. over.
 Had lunch with Sister. Sis has new Chevy Vega.
 24 Phil here.
 25 Mem, Nard & Kenny over to take me to Annapolis. Quite a family gathering.
 26 Lovely Chapel service and Plebe Dress Parade in afternoon.
 Sep 1 Lovely sail, Rob, 4 friends, Nard, Mem, Kenny & me.
 2 Assateague Beach. Nice day, lunch & ocean swim
 4 Took Kenny to Lafayette College. Nice trip.
 7 Dr. Cowen & continued therapy & soaks
 8 My first soccer game. Arnett is faculty sponsor.
 To J & J for couple of hours while M & A to nearby party.
 9 Porter Road pot luck supper.
 16 Sailing – quite choppy – family & one midshipman
 18 Prisley Srs. 50th anniversary in park where they are moving. Jack flew
 down, also Sue & her family
 21 Dr. Cowen at Falls Church
 22 Navy-Penn St. football – 50-yd line seats, big yellow mum but Navy 0 –
 Penn 39!
 23 Calm sail with soccer coach & Mrs. Warner as guests.
 24 Judy began job with columnist Lester Kinsolving
 25 Back to Vienna
 28 Home at last. Callihans met me. Yard a sight from mole cricket
 depredations.
 Murray fighting them for me. 5 months since I broke my wrist!
 Oct 1 11 Porter Rd. a shambles of kitchen & bath renovations. Memmy suffering
 a lot from tennis elbow.

Steve's Court of Honor making Eagle Scout.

Oct 4 1973 Sister drove down in her new Vega – first time in many years.

5 House thoroely cleaned by commercial cleaner - \$126.00

7 EHTs here – so good to see them.

8 Finally some rain. Kitchen ventilator leaked.

9 Mem to La Jolla for Ken (*Sr.*)s birthday & their anniversary tomorrow

11 Murray mended leak, sowed & watered bahia seed. Mole crickets under control. Murray so good to me.

13 EHTs here in evening for couple of hours. Phil with them at beach.

14 Lunch with EHTs at Martines. Then World Series game – 12 innings. Nard called. Their house plans moving along.

15 Furnace cleaned.

19 Elizabeth Watson & Henry Hennig here. They are tentatively engaged.

20 Percys here briefly. They are trying to decide where to live as they've sold their Tryon house.

22 Wm Jas. Biddle born to Susan & Jim 7 lb 11 oz

25 Sewer lines being installed. A messy yard, drive and house no longer clean! Money wasted against so much dust.

26 Mil phoned. Martha in Tripler – same neck artery trouble as in 60s.

30 TV repaired

31 Wrote children for first time on machine (*on the typewriter, first time since wrist injury*). Work continues on sewer.

Nov 17 Mil & Ed blew in at dusk – surprise. Not even a toothbrush between them.

22 Muirs had me to a good Thanksgiving dinner. Warmest Nov. since 1902. Furnace not yet in use. All to good as world, U.S. included, has fuel shortage. Arabs trying to use boycott to force Israel to give up conquered lands. I have reservation for Dec 19 to Vienna – hope I get to go – many flights cancelled.

Dec 1 Back garage door replaced - \$53.53!!

8 Sister drove down for visit.

11 Poor Steve – 2 lower wisdom, 2 upper uncut molars extracted.

12 " " doing fine

16 Rain all day & cold. Dreadful ice storm in Conn. Fuel shortage for cars, heating, etc. critical. Arab nations blackmailing world to force Israel to withdraw to 1967 lines.

17 Sod laid on easements where sewers laid. Sister back to Tampa.

19 To Vienna – to arrive 6:30 PM.

20 Elizabeth Watson & Henry Hennig married
Paid Dr. Cowen \$126.00 in full for therapy

21 At J & J's. Fearful ice, sleet, snow storm. A wonderful 75th birthday dinner – all children except snow-bound, at Lafayette College, Kenny. I received a lovely pin with 3 diamonds – one for each 25 years.

24 All Prisleys, Pepsi & me to Porter Road, noonish. Chapel (we filled two pews) and open house.

25 Christmas together – first all together since 1953 and so happy except our yearning for Arnett and Jimmie. Returned to Vienna early evening.

27 Jack took Judy, Joanne Connolly & me to Fords Theatre – most unique. Saw Sousa's "El Capitan", most humorous. Then supper.

Dec 28 1973 Judy ailing – flu.
 31 Judy better. Delightful watch party, 28 adults, 11 children, so ends 1973.

 Jan 2 1974 Nard, Mems, Kenny picked me up en route from weekend at Black Water
 Falls to USNA
 4 Paid Arlington Hospital, final in full \$56.10
 5 Robin here for the day.
 6 Brunch at the Club
 8 Rec'd \$16.00 from Medicare – appeal on Beaudry's bill
 To Adm. Mack's sumptuous quarters for coffee, chapel altar guild meeting
 & slides of the magnificent flower arrangements at Washington Cathedral
 by member of its guild. Arrangements on 8-foot scale except for 3-5 foot
 for Children's Chapel. Commentary by members of Cathedral guild.
 10 Bus trip with Mems to Kennedy Center. Lunch at Watergate Restaurant.
 Show "Day After the Fair" – quite amusing.
 12 Annapolis Little Theatre – "Blithe Spirit" – good
 13 Brunch at the Club. Dinner with Rob in her apt. J & J there too.
 16 Left D.C. 9:50 AM, home 2:00 after change in Tampa. A most delightful
 Christmas holiday.
 17 Arranged with realtor, Wick Kirby, for sale of 4812 Mineola. My heart is
 sore but I'm convinced this is right.
 18 Made downpay of \$1,000.00 on Mobile Home
 25 Selected tile, carpets and draperies for home with Elizabeth Prine's help.
 26 EHTs here overnite. Showed them coach model.
 Feb 2 Edmund here briefly – brot china from sis for Robin.
 3 J & J phoned. Jack to see about furniture shipments for him & Nard. 4812
 Open House. Real estate moving slowly because of nationwide gas
 shortage & truckers' strike.
 4 Two years in days since my precious Arnett left me, but an eternity to me.
 I try to hide my loneliness and sorrow but it is a hard task. E. Prine stayed
 over nite. A comfort.
 Paid Dr. Cowen in full for wrist - \$195.00
 5 Took Elizabeth P. to airport for San Diego visit
 14 Sister's apt. termited, she stayed with Mary Hoyt. No gas for visits between
 us.
 17 Peggy (*Batt*) called me. ABT house in Annapolis begun.
 20 Lunch in town with Buells – they shopping for travel coach.
 24 Ed & Mil leave for 3 weeks in Hawaii & to see Marsh
 25 Signed contract for sale of 4812 - \$25,000.00 Considered it a good offer –
 sales so sluggish due to gas shortage, tho I'd hoped for more. How I
 longed for Arnett to make the decision.
 March 2 To Tampa for over nite. First time since I broke my wrist.
 6 4812 Termited
 14 EHTs home from Hawaii. Marsh much better.
 18 Mary Ann & Bill ret'd from England & have jobs in N.Y.C. Britain's economy
 so shaky they tho't it wise to leave.
 23 Drove to W.H. for first time in over a year. High wind & good rain in B-ton.
 Buffet dinner & movie. All well.

Mar	25	1974	Home again. Good trip. Heavy traffic. Some 164 miles on almost exactly 1/2 tank of gas (@ 55 mi). Very good I think for a car going on 7 years old – 29,000 miles
	30		Sis down from Tampa. She saw coach – carpets & curtains in place.
April	1		Hartleys termite man inspected house and gave OK on Cloud's work
	4		Nard phoned. Just about set for job with Nuclear Associates International (Control Data) Rockville, Md – 100 mi commute a day
	8		Marian, Gretta & E. Prine came to birthday dinner for Sis – her 77 th . Had the trimmings – gifts & cake.
	9		Sis back to Tampa
	14		Easter brought a delightful surprise with EHTs here for the day. All our kids at Annapolis for a sail. Nard phoned.
	15		In midst of packing. Very hard without my dear one's help & advice. Coach almost ready.
	17		To the Sr. Prisleys to pick up some antique chairs & table to go to Kim with Jack's shipment
	18		Movers came for household effects going to Vienna and Annapolis – I really hated to give up the grandfather's clock, the two dressers and oriental rug and Arnett's commodious desk, but know it was wise as they could go free of charge on both boys' final removal orders.
	19		Took Edith & Ethel (Gall) to lunch.
	20		Our dear Jim – boy left us two years ago today.
	22		Still packing. No word, or check for 4812, from Hartleys yet.
	25		Check rec'd for house \$23,040.95. Payment to McDonalds Mobile Homes \$20,669 – some extras not yet included. The die is cast.
	28		Mil & Edmund down to help me, bless them. Mil will stay several days.
Apr	29		Moved to Hawaiian Village, 6410 Tahitian Dr. (\$121.64)
May	2		Mil back to W.H. What a dynamo of help she has been to me. I'm about settled. Much drawer & closet space.
	3		Robin has been awarded a full expense teaching scholarship at U. of Mass. to work on her masters.
	5		Dinner at Trader Jacks – E. Prine, Gretta, Marian & me, then a moonlight cruise on Tampa Bay to as far out as under Skyway Bridge. Auspices of St. Georges (<i>SMT's church</i>).
	7		To Ft. Myers to Deanery meeting – as delegate. Good meeting. Dr. Terwilliger speaker on Holy Spirit theme.
	15		Nard has received "Orders - retire and best wishes" – and so ends an era in our family's life
	16		Rain!
	17		Rain!
	18		ABTs to Lafayette to get Kenny
	20		Marsh in Tripler - cancer on eyelid. Awnings installed \$325.00
	21		Kenny driving to Cal. with a friend then to Hawaii. God grant all goes well & he decides not to stay there.
	25		Buckle in floor of walk-in closet repaired. Good job.
	26		H/V (<i>Hawaiian Village</i>) Singles club – dinner at Golden Apple theatre club – humorous.
June	4		To Tampa to help Sis pack for move, #116, 102 Beach Place W

Jun 7 1974 Home
 9 EHTs here for day. Phi hung pictures. Buddy has bought used houseboat.
 10 Back to Tampa to help Sis move.
 12 Home. Sis quite well settled. Held up remarkably well but I know will pay for it in pain & exhaustion. Tape from Nard of June week activities. A very gay time. Parade in honor of retirees, Nard included, followed by a delightful reception at club for him & Mem given by his dept. New house progressing nicely.
 14 Good hard, soaking rain. Settled in full for Coach, \$22,324.25
 23 Judy, Jack & Elizabeth, 7:00ish. Steve in Vienna on new job, "sitting" Pepsi & Portia. Fred at U. of So. Fla. for orientation and looking for a job.
 26 ABTs moving to their new home – 251 Heaman's Way, Annapolis, Md 21401
 28 Fred here. All of us to W.H. for day with Taylors.
 30 Fred back to Tampa. Has a job on docks.
 July 3 JPPs & I to Tampa. Lunch with Sis & Fred.
 4 A quiet day. Jack spending his with his parents.
 5 They left 6:15 AM for Vienna. A nice but rather hectic visit divided between here & Sarasota. J & J gave me plants for planter as hostess gift & Judy set them. Judy told me she is having medication for over active thyroid.
 7 Edmund & Mil off to So. America.
 8 I left with E. Prine for Sylva, N.C.
 9 Torrential rain following our arrival in PM – road washed out
 17 Lunch at Grove Park Inn, Asheville.
 19 To Atlanta by bus. Nice visit with Eliz. & lovely cool weather
 20 Steeles, with Frances & baby, Jennifer, Jack & Nell.
 21 Jim Biddle & Susan had us to pancake & bacon brunch.
 Helen & Bill Caudle came to see me – same nice couple. *(As of 1990 they still maintain contact with SMT, having rented a room in our house in Winter Haven as a newlywed couple, stationed there in WWII.)*
 24 Home by plane; everything fine. Cards from Robin, she leaving on 1st to house hunt in Mass., Kenny working on construction in Hono – has saved \$750.00.
 26 Went to Dr. Knowles – rib painful, pulled from cartilage in N.C., also arthritis in left hand. Blood pressure 160 / 80 – fine he says.
 28 Buells here overnite.
 30 Tape from ABTs – they are very happy with their new house. Edith Callihan in Grovemont – hardening of arteries – doesn't even know Murray. They have been so wonderfully kind to me during Arnett's illness and death, and since, that my heart aches that I'm unable to give any help. Murray continuing to live on Mineola.
 Aug 5 To St. Pete for lunch with Eliz. W. Hennig.
 On this date, 1917, Arnett with rest of Fla. Nat'l Guard, inducted into regular Army as we are at war with Germany.
 26 Maxine Martin visiting me for several days. I'm just back from Tampa & Sis.
 29 Max left in AM & Gaskills took me to plane for Md & Va. Nard met me in D.C. Their new home is lovely. Nard been on his civilian job almost a month.

Aug	30	1974	IRS 3 rd ¼ pmt. \$86.00! Happy hour at Providence Club.
	31		Rob ends work with W.O.W.
Sep	1		Nice sail – fine breeze.
	2		Nard drove big U-Haul to Amherst, Mass. with Rob's effects. Mem & I cookout at Club.
	4		Dinner at USNA Club.
	6		Much rain delays tractor landscaping
	7		Rain in AM Down to 60 degrees. Set sail for overnite. Passed 11 freighters anchored in Harness Creek (<i>surely the freighters couldn't have been in Harness Creek</i>), from all over world – waiting docking space in Baltimore.
	8		Sunny but breeze lessening. Bay teeming with boats.
	11		Double header ball game in Baltimore – 17 innings first game. Balt. 3 - Yanks 2. 2 nd game Balt 1 – Yanks 5.
	13		Finished dust ruffle for Rob's 4-poster.
	14		AM soccer game. PM football. Navy beat Penn. State. My first boiled crab dinner – good but much work!
	15		To Vienna. Met the AFS student – Derek Adami, a nice young man & most handsome – from Kroonstadt, So. Africa.
	24		Frost this morning. Buells arrived in Travco – 4000 miles this summer
Oct	1		Home again. Gaskills met me. Gas in car stolen for 2 nd time, otherwise all OK
	2		Eliz. Prine home.
	7		Kitchen phone changed from wall to desk.
	9		To Tampa. Sis still not equal to trip down.
	10		Gus Gudmundson (<i>in Columbia, SC</i>) died of cancer.
	11		Home
	14		Physical & flu shot.
	16		E. Hennig & friend Mae, here for lunch at Pete's
	18		Barium X-rays - \$40.00. All O.K. thank God. Fred bro't Sis down for weekend. She pretty miserable
	19		Fred spent day & evening with Sr. Prisleys
	20		They ret'd to Tampa. J & J have done a fine job in raising a pleasant, polite, helpful son. Sis much pain & shortness of breath.
	23		Leak in guest room ceiling sprayed.
	28		Roof hot sealed. No rain in weeks so we do not know if roof still leaks. Car robbed of gas for 3 rd time.
	30		Judy called. Religion news being cut to four pages. Her salary likewise cut <u>and</u> working part time as she wished. Periodontist says she needs gum work but not \$4500 worth of gold caps.
Nov	1		Dinner & pleasant moonlight cruise with St. Geo. group.
	2		Edmund & Mil came down latish after putting Phil on plane in Tampa for Brazil. Two upsetting pieces of news. Buddy and Faye are living apart. Phil will enter U. of So. Fla. in Jan. for work on master's – he wants to teach retarded and handicapped children. He says he's wanted to do this ever since getting out of the Navy. A blow to Edmund (<i>who had counted on Phil taking over his citrus oil business where Phil had been working</i>).
	3		We three and E. Prine to dinner at Pete's.
	4		Car insurance now with Colonial Penn of AARP.

Nov 6 1974 Got new glasses – one lens with a prism. \$80.00!! Cataracts are increasing.
7 Joined Nat'l Mobile Home Owners Assn. \$4.50 per year. Harold & George installed wire coil in gas tank.
12 Began St. George monthly Bible study.
13 Furnace on first time.
14 Actually ½" rain.
16 To Tampa for day only with E. Prine
18 Blinds on porch installed. Big price but shoddy material (from Penny's). All prices out of sight.
26 Stood driver's test for first time in my life. Passed O.K. Only eye test & identify 8 common road signs – really a farce. Renewed for 4 years. I'll be 80 by then.
27 Edmund & Mil here for Thanksgiving
28 Dinner at Rec Hall (*in Hawaiian Village Mobile Home park*)
30 Matinee at Van Wezel Hall. Raw but humorous. Dinner following at Martine's.

Dec 1 EHT left after their longest visit ever.
2 Ruth B...ek died alone at home. Saddens me as we'd become good friends. I'm glad I was able to help her in transportation line.
Good meeting of ECW. U.T.O. slides & commentary. So ends my year as programme chairman to my relief.
ABTS phoned. Mem has detached retina in bad eye and all sight gone. Surgery may not be advised as eye in such bad shape from poor operations years ago. We must pray that the good eye remains healthy.

6 Judy has had 2nd surgery on gums – doing fine
7 Nard's 53rd birthday. Really?
9 Judy writes she's now on 50ish side of mid-40s but that I am not old enough to have a 46 year old baby. Ha ha!!

11 Nard took Judy to lunch in Rockville to celebrate their and Poll's Days. I cancelled reservations for Va-Md. Will spend holidays at home & Sis come here.

12 To St. Pete. Lunch with E. Watson-Hennig & Mae Penna, then went to see Frances Hoover Hamlen (*had been high school & young married friend who had long ago lost her mind.*) at nursing home – 1st time in some 40+ years. She's been transferred from State Hospital at Arcadia. She knew me at once when I spoke my name. She's a mixture of confusion and normalcy. Played 2-4 at Delaneys' in evening.

14 Buells leave about now for visit with Denise in Medellin, Colombia, S.A. Fran is surely courageous. (*She had had a colostomy which required much personal care, tedious hygiene.*)

15 ABTs called. Nard scheduled for Sweden on 17th for company (*Nuclear Associates International*) for week. Sweden planning a big nuclear utility plant & he will try to sell them his Data Control idea. Mem trying to accommodate to one-eye sight.

19 Trying to get some Christmas spirit by decorating the house a little. This will be my first Christmas in the mobile home – also my first at home since my precious Arnett left me. Heavy rains 15, 16 & 17th and how we needed it! Temps down in low 40s. Warmed up today and furnace off again.

Nelson Rockefeller sworn in as 41st V.P. after confirmation by Congress. First T.V. showing of Senate Chamber. First V.P. not elected by the people. (*President Nixon had resigned in August; Gerald Ford had ascended to the presidency. Ford selected Rockefeller as his own replacement under provisions of the 25th Amendment.*)

Dec	24	1974	Sis came to let us celebrate holidays together. Her health very bad. Got 3 wheel bike.
	25		We had nice turkey & pot luck dinner at Rec. Hall. Had our Santa around noon & he was most generous.
	28		Marion had us to dinner.
	31		Car tuned - \$42.00. Cocktails with Delaneys.

Jan	1	1975	EHTs and Beth (<i>Buddy's daughter</i>) here for the day only.
	3		Memmy back to Md. legislature
	6		Sis returned to Tampa.
	12		Most distressing meeting at St. George. Dissidents want to oust Fr. Ellis.
Feb	3		To Gainesville Hospital for Edmund check up. Dinner with Dr & Mabel O'Leary. Edmund O.K.
	4		Stopped by Buells for couple of hours; then on to W.H. Judy phoned. Our precious Dad gone three years.
	5		Called on Esther Wise (<i>mother of Judy's closest high school friend</i>) – our first meeting in some 25 years.
	6		Home again – weary but OK.
Mar	7		Such a heartwarming visit from Nard. Been in Miami & Houston. Just over nite but precious time. Dinner at Pete Reynard's.
	13		Eliz. Prine home from Hawaiian tour & has flu.
	14		Fred here, brought Sis.
	15		Eliz. Hennig & Mae Penna for lunch – al fresco. They & I saw Tiffany display at Ringling – wonderful. Sis joined us for dinner at Pete's. Fred with Prisleys.
	16		Sis & Fred back to Tampa
	25		My carport roof finally doesn't leak.
	27		Bus trip to Lake Wales to Passion Play.
	31		Fire censor installed in hall - \$98.00
Apr	7		To Tampa for Sis' 78 th birthday. Fred joined us for dinner.
	10		Home again.
	24		Maxine Martin here. To Live Oak tomorrow to visit Percys.
	28		" left.
May	4		" here – to enter hospital in Sarasota tomorrow for knee surgery
	6-7		Delegate to Diocesan Convention at Don Cesar, St. Pete with Ethel Smith & Frances Moss. Delightful meeting. Madrigal Singers entertained us at banquet. Folk Mass in Garden as sun rose.
	9		Jack Herrick, Peggy, Sharon & Diane here an hour, en route to Miami home – beautiful little girls but undisciplined.
	22		ABTs called. Arnett's first sale, Houston, gone thru.
	24		EHTs here – good to be together after such a long time - Hawaii
	25		Gaskills & Delaneys over for 2-4 – a gay time

May 26 1975 EHTs left quite early. Raw eggs had been tossed against porch screens. Film installed on L/R doors. Installer was sailor on DD which the Edison rammed while Nard was XO. Cy Young, skipper, later cleared of all charges.
 27 Steve graduating from H.S.
 28 Max here from hospital – still much pain.
 29 Nell here for two days.
 30 “ & I to St. Pete to see Elizabeth (*Nell's sister-in-law, her brother's widow, remarried*)

June 1 Very hot but finally some rain
 2 Received \$100.00 rebate from IRS on tax – country wide
 6 Sis here
 11 Max left for Sebring. We gals had a nice time.
 15 Fred here
 23 Sis back home. Rain.
 28 Mil, Edmund, Buddy, M.A. & Phil here – celebrating birthday of the 3 males – champagne & smoked mullet for lunch! Dinner at Pete's & Ed showed us his Mexican & Hawaiian slides.
 30 Crowd left – a most enjoyable time together.

July 1 Edmund retired from his Fla. Citrus Oil Co. ending a 29 year era – 1946 – 75. A true success.
 4 With Gaskills & Delaneys to dinner, then concert at Van Wezel Hall – very good.
 8 Left by car with Gaskills, 7:30 AM – destination Va.
 10 Arrived Bowie, Md. 1:30 PM. Joe & Edna (*Gaskills' son & wife*) took us to Vienna where I remained.
 21 Eliz. to camp at Shrinemont.
 24 J & J flew to B-ton for nite, then in my car to Tampa to visit Fred
 27 ABTs anniversary. They picked me up in evening & we collected Kenny at BMW garage (Nard having clutch trouble). So good to see Kenny again & be with this family.
 28 Nard to Houston in early AM.
 30 Nard home 3:30 AM. Attended (all of us) Orioles game (they lost) with Kansas City.

Aug 1 Maxine – surgery on other knee.
 1 Attended Adm. Mack's change of command and retirement ceremony – most impressive. Robin here – wonderful steamed crab dinner & corn in husk.
 5 Poor Peggy Batt (*Mibby's mother*). Lichen planus has spread to around her eyes.
 7 Dinner with Ernie & Jane Barrett in one of the old Annapolis “row houses” which they have bought.
 8 Lovely sail on USNA yawl – A & M hosts to NAI office force. Gorgeous day weatherwise & much fun for all.
 16 To Fisher's Island (*actually Fenwick Isl.*) for day only (Mem, Robin & I). JPPs & Rileys vacationing there. Cold & high waves.
 17 J & J picked me up at 251 for visit in Vienna of few days.
 21 To Sylva N.C. by bus, overnite. Not too bad. Eliz. P(*rine*) met me.

Aug 26 1975 To Carolina Village near Waynesville for lunch with Costons (?). Such a huge complex – its like not for me.
 30 Edith Callihan died – I’ve no particulars
 31 Nard’s shoulder bursitis better and Houston “pleased with reports”.
 Sep 2 Left by United Air for home. Changed in Atlanta to Eastern. Very crowded because of Nat’l strike. Home on dot. Gaskills met me. Leo Menard took fine care of yard. House in good shape but I’m very weary.
 4 Began Shaklee regime.
 6 Toilet in guest bath leaked most one inch of water, ran into pantry, my shower and two A/C vents. Evidently no damage there tho.
 10 To Tampa. Very hot. Used my A/C car for errands. Saw Canterbury Towers. Do hope they’ll get a hump on (*in finishing, as Lehr planned to move in*).
 14 Home again. Nard returning to his old self – f lying lessons & ball games as arm is better.
 15 Nard to Peach Bottom, Pa. NAI got contract.
 20 Mil, Edmund & Phil here overnite. Lovely beach visit.
 22 My darling’s 78th birthday & my heart yearns for his presence.
 23 Hurricane Eloise – La. to Pensacola – some rain & strong winds here.
 24 Nard to Houston, EHTs to Cincy, M.A. & Bill join them & later go to Ky where M.A. hopes to finish her book. M & E on to Chicago.
 Oct 3 E. Prine home from N.C.
 5 Nard sprained ankle playing tennis. Is in light cast.
 8 Aunt Jane (Mary’s) (*Mibby’s*) died
 11 Maxine here.
 14 Two tables pinochle here.
 23 Max left
 27 Coach washed & waxed - \$53.50. I gave good cleaning inside
 30 Carpets cleaned - \$59.00
 Nov 6 Sis here.
 11 Dodge painted – good job - \$83.00
 18 Nice Deanery meeting in Venice
 21 EHTs here
 24 “ left
 27 Pop Vlck (*neighbor*) died in sleep
 Dec 1 Wilhelmina Solomonson (*Tampa friend*) died in Arcadia Hospital – 40 yrs+ a patient.
 Sis back to Tampa. My heart aches for her, life holds so little pleasure, constant pain & she is so patient & uncomplaining.
 2 Marsh (*Gillette*) in Tripler Hosp – neck artery clogged again. Buddy in hospital – pus sack on intestines removed – doing well.
 19 To Baltimore. Eliz. Prine took me to early plane. Arrived 6 hrs. late – accident to plane on runway. Nard picked me up after office hours.
 21 Lovely b-day. Church, then J, J, & Eliz. & Rob for dinner. Kenny en route from Cal. F & S had prior dates.
 24 Service at USNA chapel – Mem, Nard, Kenn & me. We are so thankful Kenn seems weaned away from Mission of Divine Light & also from Helene in Hawaii

Dec	25	1975	Precious family Christmas (tho without JPPs). Rob over from D.C. Santa most generous. Guests off and on for Nard's famous egg nog.
	26		To Bethany Beach, Del. Lovely penthouse condo. apt. on beach. <u>Very</u> cold & windy outdoors, warm & cozy in. I've now slept two nites in Delaware.
	28		Back to Annapolis.
	29		Early AM drive with Nard to NAI where Judy picked me up. Nard much beset with asthma.
	31		Fine traditional Prisley watch party, 22 adults, 11 young from 10 <u>mo.</u> of age to my 77 years. Got to bed at 3:30 AM!

Jan	1	1976	Delightful visit to Dunstan (<i>Gunston</i>) Hall – some of Judy's friends. Bought long looked-for table lamp (<i>FAPs have it: tall green metal colonial</i>).
	5		Steve back to VPI. Mem to Legislature.
	9		Elizabeth's braces removed.
	10		All Prisleys and Watsons and I dinner with Rachel Whiteside – such good Chinese food.
	13		Back painful – using brace.
	16		Smoothest trip home I've experienced – no waits, changes or complications.
	19		Mil & Edmund here to visit & have car painted
	21		“ “ “ left for W.H. My new table lamp came – very pretty – adds much to living room
	23		Fred came in late afternoon
	24		Phil “ “ early” . Quite cold all week, furnace running constantly. My back better.
	25		Both boys left for U of S.F. in early PM. A really good visit – I have so little contact with their generation these days. They both studied for exams & did some chores for me. They are both serious and have their feet well planted on the right road.
			Called Sis – great difficulty in breathing.
	26		Jack began job with Undersea Research – feels strange needing no security badge after many years
	29		Cashier at church for Antique Show. Arnett's asthma very bad necessitating trip to hospital at 3:00 AM for special shot.
	30		Show great financial success. Elizabeth “a woman”.
Feb	7		To Tampa – visit Sis and see (<i>Gasparilla</i>) parade – first time in many years. Sis having to diet to lose 10 lbs! Nard in intensive care – very bad asthma attack occurring in doctor's office. I've first cold in two years.
	9		Nard improved, out of I/C, still in hospital. Doctor says must take better care of himself and give in when attacks strike. We all think this partly psychosomatic from great over-work & pressure of deadline at office over Houston project coupled with inadequacy of personnel help at office.
	11		Home again. Cold hangs on. Wish slax had pockets.
	14		EHTs & Nell here for overnite.
	15		“ “ on to St. Pete

Feb	16	1976	Mailed "Cudjo" to DAR Magazine
	27		Had an unknown caused blackout by kitchen door
	29		103 temp. Blackout of some hours on bedroom floor. No control of limbs. Can Dristan and one Equanil tablet be cause?
Mar	1		To Memorial Hospital via ambulance. Delaneys had been alarmed at lights burning all nite, had tried to get me on phone, no answer. Came over early in morning, called doctor and ambulance. Such good neighbors as I have. Doctor's diagnosis – a virulent form of flu, upset blood balance & hepatitis.
	10		Mil & Ed brought me home
	15		" " " returned to W.H. & Sis here to nurse me as I'm still in bed. We sound like a T.B. sanitarium!
	19		Out of bed several hours a day. Friends & family so good to me.
	21		Nard writes Kenny leaving college to work in tomato sheds in Mexico. The poor child cannot find his road.
	26		First day out of house – to C.P.A. about income tax
	31		Judy been ill with abdominal troubles but wouldn't let me know – better now.
April	1		To a D.A.R. meeting. Much work ahead to document descent – births, marriages & deaths, & S.C. kept no vital statistics prior to 1915.
	3		Worked on illness bills, \$300.10 above hospital paid by Medicare, plus \$104.00 I gave them. total bill \$840.30 not including doctors!
	8		Jack has gotten contracts one day weekly from Sylvania & Sperry Rand.
	9		Nard & Mem called. Kenn in Mexico. Rob heading for vacation with 2 girls to west coast. Houston deal closed, other good prospects. Nard got new G.M.W. (<i>BMW</i>), he commutes 100 mi. daily to Rockville, Md.
	10		Drove to Market & Kissing Cousins (<i>restaurant</i>) – 1 st time since last of Feb.
	12		Sis back to Tampa after caring for me for 4 weeks. Poor gal – so much pain & difficulty in breathing.
	13		Played pinochle!
	18		Took Menards to dinner – they have been so good to me.
May	1		To Tampa just for day with Eliz. Prine. Heavy pollution so bad for Sis. Very tired from trip.
	3		Resting a lot. Also working on D.A.R. papers & making articles for Nov. church bazaar. I've given up all active church work except quarterly altar service.
	5		Mim Graves (<i>Polly's Chape Hill friend</i>) died
	11		Hostess for pinochle. Gaining bits of strength right along. Fran Buell had first cataract surgery.
	12		Sarah Kelley Watson born to Bill & Pat.
	27		To St. Pete. Lunch with Eliz., Mae & Marge Penna & visited Majestic Towers in Sis' behalf.
	30		EHTs came this AM. Show of lovely slides of their So. Western trip (which I missed due to flu) to Delaneys, Gaskills & me. Then rousing game of Pokeno. Much fun & laughter.
June	1		EHTs left this AM
	2		To Tampa. Sis & I inspected Presbyterian Ret. Home
	3		To St. Pete – Sis & I & Frieda inspected Majestic Towers. Much impressed.

Jun	4	1976	Headed home via St. Pete. Visited Frances Hoover & A.A.R.P. Home 6 PM. Gang over for Keno – I won 12 cents.
	5		First H/V (<i>Hawaiian Village</i>) coffee since Feb.
	7		Ordered copies of D.A.R. Magazine (have finally broken into print!!) Sent to both children. Reservations made for tour of B.I. (<i>British Isles</i>) for E. Prine & me for Sept 2 nd .
	13		Missed visit from Fred. I was at band concert with Ds & Gs.
	14		Filed application for passport. Much trouble establishing my birth. Affidavit from Sis that mother showed her the house a help.
	24		Fran Buell broke her knee.
	25		Big day – received passport.
	28		Application sent in for D.A.R. membership
	29		Hostess for pinochle, then to Tampa. Took Sis & Freida to inspect Mease Manor in Dunedin. E. Prine got me a London Fog - \$39.00
July	4		Dinner & band concert with Gs & Ds.
	6		Got tags for car & coach for 6 mo. Due thereafter on Dec 21.
	8		Nard & Kenny at home from Cal. Mem visiting Batts. Kenny in hospital in La Jolla 5 days – infectious hepatitis. Bad news – Peggy has angina.
	9		T.V. repaired - \$49.19.
	14		Lower element in oven bad – repair \$16.50.
	19		Changed coach insurance to Paul Kramer - \$152.00 – 17,000 on coach, 9,000 on contents
	21		Finally some rain.
	24		Buells here late afternoon. Brought McIntosh Bible for Judy. Fran doing well – leg in cast. Nice visit, over nite.
Aug	5		Brought Sis for visit. Her little Vega no A/C & weather hottest in years. No rain.
	13		Finally – hard & welcome rain.
	14		Rain again.
	16		Took Sis home. Porch roof sealed - \$230.00 – guarantee one year but should last two.
	17		EHTs here.
	18		Picked up tickets for tour. Hard rain. Ford nominated for Pres. against Reagan.
	19		EHTs left
	24		Hard, good rain.
Sep	1		Rain
	2		Left B-ton for B.I. Tour. We took Gs to lunch, then they took us to airport.
	2-23		On tour B.I. Marvelous, never to be forgotten tour.
	29		EHTs here overnite.
Oct	2		Made tape of trip for kids
	5		To Tampa
	6		Bro't Sis here. Pollution over there dreadful. She eventually to go in Canterbury Towers – not ready tho' until Sept '77 when infirmary completed
	11		Coach washed - \$56.50
	13		Bro't Max home to recoup from surgery on both hands. Carpal-tunnel syndrome.

Oct	15	1976	New porch furniture delivered - \$248.56. I'm so pleased.
	18		Took Sis home. Calvin came for Max.
	20		Fred had dinner with Sis & me at Valencia. I like the lad's attitude & looks. Roof coated \$235.00.
	21		Home safely.
Nov	4		First meeting as a D.A.R. member.
	5		To W.H. First time I've driven that far this year! I've much difficulty reading street signs – cataracts forming
	8		Home. Fine visit.
	14		ABTs called. Mem has resigned her job for legislature
	23		Sis drove herself down for Thanksgiving. Has a suspected spur on rt. knee – much pain.
	25		Very nice dinner at Rec. Hall
	29		Sis left in fog & rain
Dec	2		Constant fog & rain – temps in 30s to high 50s.
	15		Word thru Sis of death in Nov. of Fran Buell's sister Clara. Fran having post-cataract troubles – macula(r) edema in one eye, perhaps due to the fall in summer
	18		Mil, Ed, M.A. & Phil here for few hours. Had lunch at beach, smoked mullet, pretzels & beer. A gorgeous sunny day for beach walking.
	19		Fred here for couple of hours. Resigned his job & going to U.S.F. full time coming semester.
	21		A lovely birthday, many gifts, phone call and carnations from J & J, dinner & cards with Gaskells.
	22		Keno at Delaneys' and sciatica struck my left leg.
	29		Sis drove me to Tampa.
	31		Flew to Columbia to join Mary & Nard. They and Shaftos met my plane. Then to Frances Mac's apt. for delightful happy hour with her, Nancy & J.T. Out to Shaftos' lovely cottage (so called) on Lake Murray

Jan	1	1977	spent day with Shaftos at their Lake Murray cottage
	2		Headed for Annapolis, overnite at Stephen Johnson Airbase – very plush qtrs.
	3		Arrived 251 Heaman's Way early evening – just in time for
	4		Terrible sleet, ice and snow storm – worst in area on record.
	6		harbor ice 24" thick.
	15		Drove to Eastern Shore – gorgeous sun shining on an icy world. Lunch at Eastport Inn.
	16		To Vienna and Jack's 50 th birthday celebration – about 40 <u>close</u> friends. M & A back to Annapolis.
	18		Sciatica very bad. Xrays show degenerated disc.
	21		Fell in living room – bruised ribs badly on left side. Bought goods for Judy's two loveseats \$46.76 & my Berckdock rocker
	26		Martha Darr took Judy, Virginia Watson & me to luncheon at Evan's Farm.
Feb	3		Word from home – Fran Delaney had leg surgery.
	5		Began 1500 cc Vitamin C daily for sciatica. Going to Dr. Blood (!) regularly – new sort of treatments.

Feb	19	1977	Finally completed upholstering love-seats – a massive job but quite professional looking and saved them some \$300.00. Bad weather continues – all unnecessary outdoor trips or activities curtailed.
	28		My 56 th anniversary, and as our love grew all our married days so does my missing my precious Arnett – it does not lessen with passing time.
	28		Home again – all in good shape due to my kind neighbors, tho much plant damage by freeze.
Mar	19		Finished upholstering my rocker, begun on 12 th . My most pretentious job – took down to bare slats & springs.
	20		EHTs here for two nites – beached, smoked mullet to eat, games.
	23		Almost free of pain for three days. Praise God.
	26		Fred here overnite. Most pleasant visit & productive as he taped A/C ducts under coach.
Apr	8		Sis here. Her 80 th birthday. Dinner at Crown House & I told her of my projected gift – trip to see the children.
	15		Steve rejected for Co-op by CIA, no reason given after leading him to believe he was accepted.
	16		Elizabeth Watson-Hennig & Marge Penna here for lunch.
	17		J & J here. Took rented car to turn in at airport, lunch here, then to Sarasota.
	19		Judy back in PM. Dinner at Red Lobster. Geo. Gaskill's 79 th birthday. I "sat" with Billie while Joe and Edna to early dinner.
	20		Judy steam-cleaned carpet thru-out the house! Also washed L/R & D/R sheers. Bless her.
	21		Jack arrived 9:00 AM Patched my leaky gutter, put on car screen against love-bugs, fixed kitchen door lock & loaded platform rocker in car to take to Sis! My children are <u>so</u> good to me! Del'd rocker, we all went for tour of U. of S. Fla campus, saw Fred's apt; lunched at Collonade then viewed Canterbury Towers, nearing completion. Fred joined us at 8:30 – they left for dinner at Bern's. I'll not see them again before the return home.
	23		Sis & I attended tea at Canterbury, then I came home
	24		Sectionized a dozen pints of grapefruit for freezer.
May	3		Judy had tumor removed from nerve in right foot. All fine, to be on crutches for 3 weeks.
	21		Edmund & Mil here. Dinner Theatre – many laughs. Beth (<i>their granddaughter</i>) graduated from college.
	23		EHTs left.
June	20		Sis and I to Va – Md – she in wheel chair.
	25		Jack Muir (<i>old neighbor from Tangelo Park</i>) died – last of Arnett's B-ton good friends
	29		Judy drove us to Vienna
July	3		Lunch at Red Fox at Middleburg
	7		Back in B-ton. Sis sore & weary but think the trip a success. Gaskills met our plane
	8		Took Gaskills to dinner at Crown House.
	11		Sis ret'd to Tampa – fearfully hot & her Vega no A/C. Janitor unloaded car for her.
	13		EHTs safely home from Western trip

Jul 22 1977 EHTs here
 23 To Sanibel Island – took Delaneys
 24 Dinner at Adamis Buffet. EHTs left 6:30 AM
 28 Having sciatica again
 Aug 7 Sis called. Been ill – pollution 147! Hard to breathe. Will be so glad when she gets into Canterbury.
 8 Max Martin arrived in AM. EHTs & Jay (*their grandson*), Vince and Margo Warren stopped by for couple of hours. Helen Ayers (*neighbor*) over – a good friend of Vince in Dayton, Ohio. Jay handsome & polite 16 years old.
 11 Wildly extravagant. Bought jade tree ornament \$120.00! Have never done such a thing before in my life. (*Steve has it.*)
 12 Max left for Sebring early AM. My heart aches for her with Leldon (*her adult son, close to Arnett's age – problem possibly brought on by alcohol*) home, suffering from brain damage and epilepsy. Hard to live with
 16 Began treatment for leg from new D.O. in Sarasota Dr. Nestor
 19 Edmund, Mil & Phil here. He'll live with me while finding his own "pad" as he'll be teaching exceptionally gifted children in this county.
 21 A & M phoned. Dear little Abby (*their cocker spaniel*) has leukemia 7 yrs old. They've acquired a calico kitten – 5 mos. "Hetty Batt the Cat"
 22 E&M left for W.H. I had 3rd treatment from Dr. Nestor & am improved. To Tampa in PM to help Sis move & recover couch
 30 long last – Sis in Canterbury tho it still minus infirmary & dining room.
 Sep 1 Finished couch. Sciatica very bad.
 4 We took it easy. She totally exhausted – me not far behind.
 5 EHTs & Buddy leave for Hawaii. Phil has bought a partially furnished house in Bayshore Gardens.
 6 Home again.
 10 Nard here overnite en route Miami
 11 Such a nice visit – he & Phil enjoyed each other & Phil drove to airport for 10:10 flight.
 28 Buells here. Leg still bad. Dr. now says trouble is tendonitis. Tower dining room opened
 29 Mem's bad eye infected.
 30 Buells left. Phil to Tampa to meet EHTs tonite
 Oct 5 Had nerve blocked in ankle – 1st time free of pain in 9 mos.
 6 EHTs here. Report fine Hawaiian visit & Marsh in better health than in years. Phil spent 1st nite in his own house.
 8 Darlene Spurlock, Phil's girl, spent nite.
 9 EHTs & Darlene departed. Leg much improved.
 11 Stubbed 4th right toe on cedar chest. Had enough without that addition
 14 Phil engaged to Darlene – wedding Dec 17th. Leg painful again
 15 EHTs here – they're helping Phil spruce up his house.
 29 Eliz. Prine took me to Tampa for day. Arthritis flared up in Sister's rt. arm & hand, shoulder, neck & hand. I'm so sorry for her, so thankful she's in Canterbury & having good care & food.
 Nov 1 Arnett and Mibby's dear little Abby-dog put to sleep. She was hopelessly ill with leukemia.

Nov 2 1977 Sis saw Dr. Minthorne today. Xrays show no bone involvement – diagnosis “arthritis”.

8 Kim Henderson Wagner’s baby born – Nathan Ronald

12 Sis taken to St. Joseph’s for X-rays & tests. Not admitted to stay. Tower phoned me & I went over at once.

13 Sis in great pain – in bed all day.

14 “ fell during nite – several ribs bruised

15 “ to Memorial hospital

16 At home briefly. Still no real diagnosis nor pain relief. I ache for her in her hurting. Letter from Nard – 8% salary raise.

18 Back to Tampa – Sis in neck traction

23 Sis to Maria Manor Nursing Home, St. Pete, via ambulance

24 Home after visiting Sis. Phone call from Manor, 10:00 PM. Sis had nightmare, climbed over foot of bed, & fell. No injury.

27 To Tampa. Loretta Maxwell went with me to see Sis. Much improved & alert.

28 Not so well today – I came home.

Dec 7 Home from Tampa again. Max here before me. We found right home for Leldon in Sarasota

9 Max ret’d to Sebring. Deluging rain all day.

12 To Tampa – Sis much improved. I took her back to Canterbury.

15 To Tampa.

16 Edmund picked me up for W.H. and Phil’s wedding. Buddy, Mary Ann & Fred on hand.

17 Phil married to Darlene – Baptist Church, Frost Proof

19 Ed, Mil & M.A. took me back to Tampa.

20 Brought Sis home for Christmas. Greatly improved but constant & severe pain & no strength

21 Very quiet birthday – at home. Showered with love from children & friends. J & J called.

22 ABTs called – too late getting home from airport to call last night. Kenny home for holidays. Children insist I be with them next year!

25 Nice but quiet Day. Dinner at Rec. Hall. Poured rain all day. Most generously remembered.

26 Max here after taking Leldon back to Hilltop. Also Edmund, Mil & M.A. so was really our family celebration.

28 Max back to Sebring – a heavy load she has. Card from Eliz. Watson Hennig – at last she’s sold her condo in St. Pete & moved to Largo.

**JTP notes: There ends the first SMT “log” and here begins the second, so very much briefer, more personal diary-like entries and showing gradual deterioration of vision and handwriting.*

**ESE notes: Handwriting & spelling had been noticeably deteriorating already for some months.*

Jan 1 1978 A very quiet New Year Day. Talked to Arnett, Mem & Kenny. He returns to Cal. for his final three months at Cabinet maker’s school, then to work in

Va. with a contractor, and will stay with J & J for a while (*That never came about*). Warm, cloudy, rainy.

Jan 2 1978 Took Sis back to Tampa.

5 Home. Brought Loretta Maxwell, a Tower friend of Sis, to visit friends here in Bayshore.

18 Mundane news. New parts and cut-off valves in both toilet tanks. Costs continue to rise! \$59.92

19 Darlene and I connected two down coverlets into two pillows – I had tho't I got four! Gave them to Sis for her comfort. Very high wind & rain.

23 Began afghan for Sis' birthday.

26 To Tampa to Weeks trial – the man who stole & forged checks – beating Sis out of about \$150.00 for furniture.

30 Weeks pled guilty – let loose to earn money to pay his debts – we never expect to hear from him.

Feb 2 Home finally. Sis having a time with Medicare. Billie Gaskill has been told she has Parkinson's – poor soul.

6 I had physical – all fine.

8 EHTs here.

9 Dinner at The Prague in Sarasota. Excellent food.

11 EHTs left.

18 Buells here – pleasant, restful visit.

28 Max Martin here, to go with me to St. Luke's Eye Clinic, New Port Richey for tests for cataract surgery.

Mar 1 Diagnosis, border line, both eyes ready for implants, but no rush.

2 Max left 8:30 AM. We always enjoy each other

11 EHTs down, staying with P.A.Ts. Trip to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary south of Immokalee – Delightful and serene.

14 To Tampa – Sis has gained a little weight but hands very bad.

20 Mailed Tradewell & Williams supplementals (D.A.R.) (\$20) to Miss Alice Hughes

27 Nard called. Mary in Springwood Sanitarium – another attack of depression, been brewing for some time. God heal her as in the past. Allison Gooding, Fran Buell's sister, died. A blessed relief as she was totally senile.

Apr 3 Edmund picked me up here. We leave Winter Haven in the morning to attend Beth's wedding in Cincy on the 8th.

8 Beth married to Barry Swift. Lovely wedding and attendant festivities.

9 To Mary Ann's (*Sadieville, KY*) for overnite

10 To Vienna by air from Lexington

11 Pleasant day with Steve in Richmond

19 Mem home from hospital.

20 Saw *Pirates of Penzance* at Kennedy Center. Jack thoro'ly enjoyed it.

21 To Annapolis

29 Mem improving. Attended my first lacrosse game.

May 18 Back to Vienna

21 Sis in bad shape, arthritis & gums.

26 Marsh had stone removed from neck artery, under a local, doing well.

27 All of us to Ringling Circus.

May 28 1978 Robin here for several hours. She & Kenny both happy in their work.
 Jun 1 Home again. New battery for car. Sis in much pain.
 15 To Tampa. Sis to arthritis specialist – diagnosed rheumatoid – no place on her body without pain.
 20 Home. Managed to help Sis get most of her M/C (*Medicare*) and insurance claims in order. Thank God she got into Canterbury.
 23 Edmund, Mil, Eddie & Meta (*Mil's family*) here. Lunch, beer & smoked mullet at the beach – an experience for both.
 25 Elizabeth at Christian Center for summer.
 July 13 To Tampa – my heart aches for Sis in her pain and for her incapacity.
 14 put finishing touches to Sis' M/C & insurance.
 16 Back home.
 17 Geo Buell had cancer removed from inner nostril. Steve struck hidden rock in field, thrown against windshield & 2 teeth broken.
 23 Edmund came for me & took me to St. Luke's Clinic.
 24 Surgery for cataract & lens implanted in left eye. Over nite in Community Hospital.
 25 To Winter Haven. Mil's nephew, Eddie & boys there.
 27 E & boys left for Chicago. Mil much relieved
 31 To Clinic. Surgery on right eye. Overnite in hospital.
 Aug 1 Back to Winter Haven.
 4 Wakened with great pain in eye & face.
 7 To Clinic. Scratch on rt. cornea. Medication & patch for 2 days.
 9 Pain now gone.
 14 To Clinic. Edmund & Mil allowed to drive me home.
 15 Maxine here to help me out. Almost no sight in rt. eye, very hazy in left. Cannot read but can watch TV & play a little cards. No stooping. Dr. says patience in large quantities needed.
 18 Judy, Steve & Elizabeth arrived 6:00 PM.
 19 Max to Sebring. Charles & family due from Pa. Leldon better but still in hospital.
 21 Judy helped me with M/C & Ins. claims and filling in application for admittance to Vinson Hall in McLean Va – a big step for me. Sight a wee bit better.
 22 Judy & kids to Tampa, join Fred, on to Key West. Back here at week's end. Days long with no reading nor handwork. Sun very bright! Phil & Darlene staying with me nights.
 23 End no stooping but going it easy.
 25 Judy & kids back – good trip. Saw Sis in Tampa. All so distressed over her condition. She's having gold shots weekly
 26 Kids to Sr. Prisleys for overnite & church tomorrow.
 27 " back for dinner. J & I had nice lazy day, plus her help with my pressing paperwork. Also enrolled for Goodwin House (*Alexandria*).
 28 Kids & Judy cleaned house for me, bless them, then left 3ish for Apollo Beach, Tampa, Disney World & home.
 Sept 1 Jack called. Family safely home at 7:00 AM. Papers mailed Vinson Hall & Goodwin House, plus deposits to get on waiting list. Had physical from Dr. Knowles – his last day. Has sold his practice & is retiring. I'll miss him after

20 years as my physician & his goodness thru Arnett's long & distressing illness.

Sep 2 1978 Nard & Mem called. Going sailing over long weekend with friends.

3 Dinner at Sand Dollar, St. Pete, with Gaskills, then some "Spite" over here.

6 Maxine blew in. Been to see Leldon in St. Pete nursing home. Will stay a couple e is pooped physically & emotionally.

7 My dear friend, Charlotte Behr, died, Bloomington, Ill.
Amalgam crown on lower jaw tooth.
Edmund called – they finally leaving on vacation destination & time of return undecided

8 In retrospect sight improving. Most anxious to drive again. Sr. Citizens Council providing transportation to doctor, dentist, grocery, etc. A boon indeed.

9 Max left for home.

14 Darlene drove me to Clinic. Right eye responding very slowly. Back to 8 drops daily, both eyes.

15 Elizabeth Prine, in N.C. has broken her arm.

17 ABTs have gotten a 2 yr. old, 32 foot, sail boat, with friends, the Brocks, "Southern Wind." (*Summer Wind, actually*) Much more comfortable than 27' Pele which they'll sell.

18 Drove to Bayshore Shopping Center – first time in 2 mos. Afraid of heavy traffic yet tho. Sis in much pain & hands almost useless.

21 Drove to Cortez Plaza for gas.

30 Sis little better – gold & cortisone but mouth still ulcerated & no doctor can find the cause, or cure.

Oct 9 Made reservations for Christmas dinner at Tower for 18! Both children & their families, EHTs, PATs, Buddy & I are planning a family reunion at Anna Maria for Christmas Week. I've found an adequate 2 story house within our means, and available. (*Note that she doesn't mention it's partly in honor of her own 80th birthday.*)

19 Go via bus to Lady Lake, from there in Travco with Buells to McIntosh Clan Gathering at Mullins, S.C.

20 Spent nite in Travco, in Edie's yard, Charleston, S.C.

21 Arrived at N. Bryant Coopers, Mullins. Lovely home, gracious hosts - Annie Laurie my ? cousin

22 Some 30-35 unknowns present at Coopers' Pee Dee River house. Lovely country. Old, old, house now modernized, picnic tables & benches in yard, fine time, oceans of food. Back to Cooper's for the nite.

23 Breakfast with them, headed south, again spent nite in Edie's yard aftr visiting Presbyterian Home in Summerville where Buells are registered, & seeing Fran's sister, Elizabeth, at daughter's old home being restored.

24 Reached Lady Lake after dark – parked Travco, went in Hornet for good Chinese dinner. My first trip in a Travco, quite a rewarding experience.

25 Left 10:00ish for bus at Wildwood. Transfer & long wait at St. Pete. Home 4:30. Phil and Darlene picked me up & we had dinner. I'm glad to be home.

26 Darlene drove me to clinic. Diagnosis not too good, left eye 20/30, rt eye 22/?, vision very blurred due they think to scratched cornea. Inflammation

still apparent. Continue 8 drops in rt. eye daily until Mar. 3rd Will get glasses now.

Nov 3 1978 Got new glasses - \$77.00, using old frames. Poor sight.
12 Got new Timex watch, thru Nard.
13 Clinic. Stronger magnifying lens for left eye.
Steve bid to Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, only upper 10 (%) of college students accepted. Quite an honor.
17 New lens little help, sight still hazy & fear to drive on highways. Do so want to see Sister.
19 Nard & Mems called. They will drive down for Christmas, with Kenny joining them. Rob has exams on 21st so will be the only grand missing for my 80th birthday. She comes next day. All five Prisleys flying down. (*No, Fred already in Tampa*)
20 Going to take it easy this week. Very weary ever since S.C. trip & must husband my strength for our big reunion.
21 Sr. Prisleys move today to an apt. Their coach up for sale
23 Eliz. Prine taking me to Tampa for a few hours with Sis – first meeting since mid-July. Hope to pass my driver’s test for renewal O.K. & then feel safe on highway.
25 Brief visit from Jack – he’s helping his folks get settled.

Dec 1 Rejected for driver license because of poor vision!!
2 Young Elizabeth called – elated over acceptance by William & Mary for next fall term. Can’t realize the youngest grand is ready for college.
5 Form filled in by clinic enabled me to get driver’s license for 4 years – longer than I’ll need I’m sure.
7 Called ABTs. Nard snow bound in Chicago airport. Our temps running in 80s.
12 Sis in Tampa Memorial, transferred from Tower Med. Center when pneumonia developed. A mix up & no one had notified me.
13 Fred graduated from U. of So. Fla. in Mass Com (*munications*).
15 Called Sis. She better & hopes to join us all for 25th dinner at Tower. How I wish I could visit her!
16 Ed & Mil arrived laden to the scuppers.
17 Jack has diverticulitis – waiting doctor’s permission to make trip.
19 All’s well. Four Prisleys arrived by air. Left Pepsi at vet’s. Mil & I been cooking up a storm.
20 To Nau Lodge on Anna Maria – 5 J.P.P.s, 2 EHTs, 2 PATs, Buddy & me. ABTs expected at 6410 around 1:00 AM.
21 ABTs at Lodge. Kenny so happy with his present life. My 80th – the children and grands gave me a gorgeous string of pearls to replace Arnett’s lost one.
22 Robin joined us.
24 15 of us to Phil’s church in AM, 14 to Annuncion (*Episcopal*) on island for midnight service.
25 A wonderfully happy Christmas – tree, red stocking for each one, gorgeous weather, everyone relaxing in his own way – swimming, sunbathing, shelling, reading, cards & games, conversation, & a wealth of shared love.

Only sadness – Sister still in Med. Centre, so dinner cancelled, but all our own, in relays, have gone to see her.

Dec 26 1978 Kenny left from Tampa for Cal.

27 J.P.P.s left. Dear Pepsi died before their departure, but vet's call came too late to notify them, so they learned of it upon arrival in Vienna. EHTs left.

28 Nard, Mem & Rob left 9:00 AM Gave Nard Sister's pitcher & goblets she promised him years ago. I'm glad to be rid of that responsibility. So – I feel very alone, but blessed with so much love. A busy & traumatic year; Beth's marriage; Mary's illness & my stay up there; cataract surgery; enrollment in Vinson Hall; McIntosh reunion; wonderful Christmas; Sister's ill health & pain always in background.

Jan 1 1979 JPPs acquired new, black, female pup – Belgian shepherd sire, German shepherd dam, six weeks old (*actually got her about the 6th of January*).

3 Temps in 30s – Our holiday was so blessed weather-wise

6 A/C & heat systems checked by Trane Service, St Pete & took out 2-yr policy (service) with them. I'm trying to keep coach in A-1 shape to bring a good price on sale.

7 Finally felt confidence enough to risk horrendous road traffic to go see Sis. Still in Med. Center. Poor soul, so much pain, rash from gold treatments still bad, even in her eyes so she can't read.

13 Returned home. Sis showing some improvement, ambulatory. Think my visit provided a morale boost, and we also got her business affairs a bit straightened out.

19 Maxine here. I threatened with strep throat, just missed, culture negative. Swallowing very painful, dreadful deep cough – my usual.

23 Max left. Pinochle cancelled for today, too much flu. Cold & dreary. Sis improved & has some appetite. I feel run thru wringer. Haven't driven the car since return from Tampa except once to mkt.

28 Still feel punk. Haven't been outdoors, no strength, but cough better & think I'm beginning to mend.

Feb 4 Called Sis – back in bed, cold, cough, every bone & muscle aching, eyes bad, legs itching.

Seven years since my precious Arnett left me, in body. He's always with me in spirit but his physical absence is as hard to bear as on the first day. The world would be a far better place could the love and harmony exist between all married couples as was our blessing.

5 Fred job hunting in Va. Elizabeth happy over acceptance by Wm & Mary College.

10 My right eye very bloodshot. A & M called. 9 degrees there. They both have colds – 1st in long time

11 Sis has been quite ill – heart & lungs involved.

12 Got Vulcan fire & burglar alarms - \$210.00

21 To St. Luke's Clinic. No change of glasses nor help for sight. Rt eye just bad. Drops reduced to one a day each eye, for life – a relief from every four hours.

Feb	24	1979	Letters from Va & Md. Terrific snows, 37" in Va, 35" Heamans Way. Fred back in Tampa job hunting.
	25		Sis improving & allowed in her apt. couple hours each day.
	26		Peggy Batt had slight heart attack.
	28		My 58 th anniversary – a quiet day.
Mar	4		To Tampa. Found Sis much improved and in a dress first time since Dec. 7 th . Permitted in her apt. several hours a day & to dine in Tower.
	6		Scott Watson (<i>son of Priskey friends Virginia & Frank</i>) took his life – jumped from an overpass to traffic below, was killed instantly – poor Virginia & Frank.
	7		Home again. Sis hoping for her release soon from Med. Center. I never expected her to get out & was so relieved. Expect Buells & Denise for overnite.
	8		Nell phoned – Mrs. Herrick died during the nite
Apr	8		EHTs over at Phil's.
	9		Fred here overnite – job hunting. Very impressed by the young man.
	15		Brought Sis here – 1 st time in a year! Much better but very weak & pain constant.
	22		Sis, Gaskills & I to dinner at Pete Renards.
	28		M & A to Virgin Islands for vacation. Just sold Pele & dingy – a good deal. They love their Summer Wind.
	29		U.D.C. – open house Gaskill Mansion & Patten House. I was hostess in living room of Patten – very fine in 1900 circa dress I found among my possessions & black satin slippers I bought when Nard one year old & wore to his wedding! Not a break & still fit! Even had real silk black hose!
May	1		Took Sis home. Think visit was beneficial to her wardrobe-wise and in contact with my friends.
	2		Back home. Very weary but so glad I could help Sis. I owe her so much over the years.
	12		Max came to take me to Sebring. Love-bugs dreadful - had to clean the windshield four times.
	13		To St. Agnes – fine church good congregation – great change from the 30s. Called on Gearings & Weems, attended Women's Club luncheon & Staff & Book Club executive meeting. I am to review "Roots" in Feb. Saw Leldon & took him & Max to luncheon. His condition is pitiful.
	17		Back home – lovebugs less at 45 mph.
	23		Max here overnite. Took her to airport next day (to see her children)
	31		EHTs, Virge & Will here. Pleasant visit – smoked mullet after swim at beach.
June	3		Visitors left.
	10		JPPs Silver anniversary. I sent them pair candlesticks and steak platter & Sis sent a large serving spoon.
	11		EHTs leave for Chicago & Ky. Took Virg & Will home with them.
	20		Brought Sis down to be fitted with new dentures.
	22		I had physical – all fine.
	23		PATs took us to dinner at Grape Vine.
	24		Dinner at Crown House with Gaskills. Very hot & dry.
	27		A/C kicked off last nite.

July	1	1979	Waiting all week for A/C repair man. Heat affects Sis very adversely
	6		Just learned my A/C company bankrupt – reason for no service
	11		Skylab came to earth on Australia, north of Perth, not at sea as predicted – some say so NASA could reclaim debris – Australia rather irked.
I	12		Gas shortage quite a problem. Waits of hours at pumps. Summer travel much curtailed.
	16		PATs left for Phil's job in DC with CIA. House for sale. Taking all their effects in U-haul.
	18		Barry Swift – Beth's husband – critically injured in fall into barge he was cleansing of benzene residue.
	21		Barry never regained consciousness and died at 6:00 PM.
	22		Fred here. Delightful visit. He reports to OCS in 3 weeks.
Aug	2		Took Sis home. Teeth fairly comfortable. My heart was warmed by the many friends who greeted her so cordially and sincerely after her six weeks absence. Her appearance is certainly improved.
	4		Transferred my hospitalization & nursing home policies to Mutual of Omaha. They have paid Sis well.
	5		Hilan Rogers death in Sebring obits. Arnett would have felt his passing so keenly. I'm back home.
	10		EHTs here & took me to St. Luke's Clinic. It seems my poor sight is due to macular deterioration due to aging and arteriosclerosis – no help for condition, but almost no chance of blindness, tho vision will probably decrease. I simply must accept the condition and make the best of it. How much worse I <u>could</u> be.
	12		EHTs back to W.H.
Aug	24		Fred left Vienna for OCS.
	25		Elizabeth left `` for Wm & Mary.
	26		EHTs & Beth here overnite. She shows much strength & character in her acceptance of Barry's death. She maintains the baby she carries, due Dec 30 th , is responsible for her courage.
Sep	3		Hurricane David. No damage here but much from Palm Beach to N.C. & Va. coasts. Arnett's boat pulling anchor rammed a catamaran, great damage to both but insurance covers. (<i>Hurricane</i>) Frederic now on similar path but less awesome.
	22		Elizabeth, at college, had emergency appendectomy. Judy staying in Williamsburg.
	23		Sis some better of arthritis, tho hands in bad shape, but hip getting worse from the osteoporosis.
	25		Abscess found at site of Elizabeth's surgery & drainage tubes needed – pain but no danger. Abscess very difficult to find. (<i>There was danger, and actual peritonitis, but either SMT was not aware, or we downplayed it so as not to worry her.</i>)
Oct	2		Elizabeth out of hospital & infirmary, very weak and incision slow to heal.
	4		Geo Buell has slow healing phlebitis in rt. leg. This will affect our attendance at Gathering of Clan.
	5		EHTs here. Bought Sanyo colored T.V. portable - \$361.92
	15		Left for Md. Mary in Cal. for a week, Shaklee & helping celebrate parents' anniversary & Peggy's birthday.

Oct 18 1979 Arnett took me to my first World Series game – Baltimore lost to Pittsburgh.

20 Mem home from Cal.

Nov 6 To Vienna – a delightful visit with ABTs including a memorable night of symphony music.

21 Four Prisleys and I to Newport R.I. to visit Fred at O.C.S. He commander of one of 4 brigades in the regiment, doing fine academically & happy as a lark.

22 Attended service (Thanksgiving) at Trinity Church, one of the oldest in U.S.A., quaint with enclosed pews, no altar, just a table, pulpit raised in center, & sweetest organ I've heard. Dinner with Rich & Cindy Palmer, 15 all told.

23 Cindy's Aunt Emily McCaw hostess to dinner after we saw Fred's regiment in review.

24 Visited Providence, R.I. and saw Jack's former homes, churches where he sang in boys' choirs, and Brown U. where he attended N.R.O.T.C. & got his commission.
I fell, sprained ankle & cracked a rib.

Dec 9 Back to Vienna, ten hour drive, reached home 12:00 AM.
Birthday party at Bolling Officers' Club for Nard, Judy and me – much fun, much champagne, exchanged gifts, big cake. Our first joint since 1936 when Arnett left for Porter Military Academy at age 15.

11 Home again – ankle still big & rib painful.

17 Heat on – temps in low 60s. Injuries slowly healing. Sister's pain & incapacity heartbreaking.

19 I broke news of projected move to Va. and she took it like the trooper she is – said it was not an unexpected thing.

21 Quiet 81st birthday.
Beth's baby born – almost 9 lbs, Caesarean; named Philip Barry. All well. Fred commissioned ensign in navy – all his family present (*no - Steve wasn't*). He reports to cruiser S.C. for two months.

22 Robin pinned as nurse practitioner – Nard & Mary present. Next for her, two months internship at Howard U. Hospital in D.C. (*No, that changed, and she interned in NY.*) She does not sport a cap & uniform, but a stethoscope and a white jacket.
Coach on the market for sale. It will be wonderful to be near the children, but I hate the breakup & move, and above all leaving Sis as she has depended on me for so many small things – girdle washing, clothes shopping, etc.

24 Have told my friends about move. Much understanding & sympathy about Sister. She took it like the trooper she is.

25 Furnace on the blink.

27 EHTs and PATs here.

29 Cloyce, Faye Taylor's mother, died unexpectedly

30 M & E left for W.H., P for D.C. after leaving Darlene in Frost Proof where her father is due gallstone surgery. I unloaded lots of possessions on P & D!

Jan 2 1980 Roof resealed - \$150.00
 10 Took Sis home – poor gal such severe and constant pain
 Feb 20 EHTs & Dubinas (*Mil's family*) here. I have a strange form of flu.
 22 "" left.
 29 Accepted by Carl Vinson Hall.
 Mar 3 U.D.C. meeting – most friendly good-byes – so sincere
 5 Buells here overnite – for last time.
 6 D.A.R. meeting – again such sincere expressions of regret over me leaving.
 17 Maxine here. Helen Ayers entertained Max & me at Chinese Restaurant –
 lunch
 18 Pinochle luncheon for me at Crown House – even to corsage and drinks
 afterwards at Marie Bailey's
 19 Max left.
 20 EHTs & Mary Ann here for 2 hours
 22 Robin here en route to Cal. & Seattle Wash.
 23 Rob drove me to Tampa. Lunch & nice couple of hours with Sister. I realize
 no more trips to Tampa for me – my eyes worsen steadily.
 24 Robin headed west toward a new life for her. Judy arrived by plane in
 afternoon
 26 Signed papers for sale of 6410.
 27 Goods packed & van left.
 28 Gave occupancy & left for Tampa. Friends very sad. Arnett joined us at
 Canterbury Tower.
 29 Left 9ish for Va. Sis so brave. A sad leave taking.
 30 Arrived Vienna 5:30: Very heavy traffic, restaurants & motels crowded, rain
 entire trip, old car ran like a top, 18 mi to gal. Mary came with salad &
 lasagna for dinner. I'm staying with J & J.
 Apr 3 Van arrived – all in good condition but much too much possessions for eff.
 apt. – until a one bedroom available.
 4 Set up account at Bank of Va – across road.
 5 Kids home for weekend
 7 Mem over – great help unpacking. Phone connected.
 8 Chapel – good familiar communion service – all to lunch
 9 Judy to help – fairly settled but cramped qtrs. Residents most cordial.
 Labyrinth of corridors.
 11 Weekend with ABTs – Summer Wind to mooring in Creek.
 15 Kenny called to welcome to my new home.
 25 Weekend with ABT – N... anniversary party –
 26 Dinner at club with Pattens. Annapolis Symphony concert.
 May 1 Phil & Darlene to dinner here. Slide show of West Indies.
 5 Date with Dr. Lessin - my new doctor.
 9 To Fenwick Island with J & J, & the Thumbs – coolish but pleasant. Another
 state, Delaware, added to my travels (*She'd been to Bethany with ABTs
 some time back, but apparently didn't remember.*)
 12 To Lexington, KY. Mary Ann, Jouett exhibition of portraits including
 Grandpa Taylor, Arnett's loan. This (*trip was*) ABTs' Mother's Day gift to
 me.
 Edmund phoned – Mil's sister, Rose, died. Blessed relief from cancer.

May 13 1980 Lunch with Margaret Dunlap.
 14 Dinner with Jack & Mary Steele
 16 " " friends of Mary Ann.
 17 Home again – met by J & J
 19 Dr. Hannon – ophthalmologist – rates me “legally blind”. Turning car over to Steve. Magnifying spec’s little help.
 27 ABTs leave for N.Y. join Batts and Palmers for cruise to Nova Scotia. Elizabeth – chamber maid job at old famous hotel (*neither old nor famous, but yes, a hotel*) in Newport, R.I. – living at Cindy & Rich Palmers.

Jun 6 Leave for Blacksburg, V.P.I., for Steve’s graduation. To stay in his apt.
 7 Most impressive buildings & campus – grey stone. Steve graduated Magna cum Laude. Will work for 3 months with Geological Survey then back to V.P.I. to begin work on his masters.
 8 Home again.
 10 ABTs home – Batts & Palmers sick aboard with virus spread by air conditioner.
 14 Fred home for weekend. Donna’s father in town from Saudi Arabia. I didn’t meet him or see Fred as I was in Annapolis for weekend – had a good sail. Summer Wind much more commodious than Pele.
 18 Home again.
 19 Called Sis. No release from pain. Still wearing the metal gloves during the day & whip-lash collar at nite which give a modicum of help.

July 2 Finished my 4th needlepoint chair for Mary. No more. Eye strain too great.
 3 Arnett took me to Annapolis
 4 " 's asthma so bad Mem took him to hospital – oxygen, IV, shots & medication. He joined her & me for a while at Pattens’ then home. Mem & I stayed for crabs, good picnic, then fireworks from Academy field.
 5 Nard to hospital again for several hours treatment. Judy came for me in late afternoon – Jack at a retreat.
 10 Had Prisley Srs & Jrs to dinner. They much pleased with Hall. Quite nice dinner.
 14 My Social Security still not transferred. Deal closed on Dodge – to Steve, he exchanged with Clio Jenkins at Hall for her Camero. He will pay me.
 17 Clio took me to S.S. office in Dodge – seemed strange.
 22 Sis to Tampa General – Xrays show abdominal ulcer but thank God no cancer. She being given strange EKG for chest pains. Neck & shoulder pain better but still wearing hand frames. Dr. Miller has never sent her a bill! We think he’s using her as guinea pig in effort to find some ease for her distress.
 23 Permanent – Nancy’s here not like Louise’s.
 26 Nard & Mem at Bethany Beach – their 34th anniversary tomorrow.

Aug 20 Sister in the Tower infirmary.
 22 I to Tampa to be with Sister. Fred and his fiancée, Donna Bennett came to see us.

Sep Sister in Tampa General. I’d no means of keeping a record of dates. Three ladies so kind as to see I got to hospital every day. Sister’s lungs filling up – I’m apprehensive.

Oct The days passed, little change. Her one ‘plaint – “I’m so tired.”

Oct	3	1980	Sis did not know me.
	5		My beloved sister died around noon today. I'd been to church & dinner with Sara Ramsey and was ready to go to the hospital when the word came that she was gone – very peacefully the nurse said. I am bereft but cannot begrudge her her release from the terrible pain of so many years.
	7		Judy & Arnett drove all night, and got in about 2:30. Donna spent Monday & Tues. morning helping me begin the dismantling of the apt. Edmund & Mil also came.
	8		A simple graveside service for my dear one, just the family, Sara Ramsey & Edna Hodges who had been so kind to Sis and me. We each laid a red rose on her and Guy's graves. This afternoon a memorial service was held at the Tower & scarcely a vacant seat – Sister was so admired and loved.
	9		Arnett flew home. He and Judy took me to see Marie Bryan and to visit our lot in the cemetery.
	10		Judy & I, pulling a trailer headed for Va.
	11		Had lunch with Buells in Summerville, S.C.
	12		Safely home. My admiration for my daughter & her efficiency is unbounded. Arnett & Mary joined us, bringing supper.
	16		I ret'd to my apt. Am pleased with alterations.
	30		Mary and I began lessons in Braille.
Nov	14		My first U.D.C. meeting – well received
	19		Eye clinic – hope for help
	21		Began cribbage – some 16 players
	28		To Atlanta for brief visit, en route to Orlando and Fred's marriage to Donna Bennett
	29		To Chattanooga for lunch with Peggy (<i>Herrick</i>), Lewis & their 3 girls. About a 2 ½ hour drive.
	30		Guests of Helen & Bill Caudle at lovely club – brunch. they are the same dear friends.
Dec	3		To EHTs at Winter Haven
	12		To Winter Park. Delightful accommodations at Hotel. Fine rehearsal dinner.
	13		A beautiful marriage ceremony – Elizabeth & Steve both attendants. Sr. Prisleys on hand. I roomed with their longtime friend Virginia McClintock. Wish I'd been able to become better acquainted with Rod & Mona, Donna's parents.
	15		Flew back to Va. Arnett meet me.
	23		To JPPs.
	25		Arnett & Mem over for dinner. Santa most generous to all. Ret'd to Annapolis with A & M.
	29		Home again

Jan	1	1981	Very quiet New Year evening – could have attended party in lounge but opted to stay in #336. I do hope the coming year will not be as traumatic for me as 1980. My greatest concern is my continuing worsening vision – I do not know what lies ahead for me in that quarter.
	1		Elizabeth spending New Year in Newport, R.I. with Palmers.
	11		Poured at monthly tea in lounge. Peggy Edsall hostess.
	15		Tests at eye clinic – Dr. Burge

Jan 16 1981 Have been trying to find pinochlers. Played with Helen Miller and the Levys but not much success as we all have different rules.
 19 Had rings tested at B.B.B. jewelers – they appraised Sisters at \$2,000, mine at \$500.00. (*Elizabeth has Lehr's, as goddaughter; Robin has SMT's.*)
 20 Watched Reagan's inaugural on T.V.
 28 Began studying Braille – Sandy Ham instructor.
 30 Cribbage club formed – play in auditorium.
 Feb 5 Bill Adams installed kitchen cupboard. Gives me much more storage space.
 18 Peggy Edsall, Marion Leinbaugh and I gave a coffee for all Hall residents to repay our social obligations. All guests said one of the nicer affairs given.
 Mar 4 Ken & Peggy Batt at Officers Club in D.C. Mem and Nard and I had dinner with them there. So good to meet after some 15 years we figured.
 12 To ABTs.
 18 Home from good visit
 21 Had Phil & Darlene to dinner. Expecting new family member in early May.
 Apr 2 Delightful luncheon, guests of Rev. & Lois Smith, at Toll House.
 5 ABTs came to take me to see lovely cherry blossoms.
 8 Arnett resigns from N.A.I. He and Mem prospering in their Shaklee business.
 9 Arnett to Alaska on Shaklee business.
 17 Peggy Batt fell – hairline hip & pelvis fracture – much pain & using a walker.
 20 Back from ABTs. Lovely visit. Snuffy Smith's Aunt Florence there – a delightful lady.
 May 9 To Judy & Jack for Mother's Day.
 11 Eden Elaine born to Phil & Darlene – 6 lbs & 11 oz.
 14 Prisleys move to West Virginia. Their Vienna house sold, adequate rental found at Harper's Ferry.
 27 EHTs here for just overnite, then south to Richmond
 28 Wore a Halter apparatus for 24 hrs to check irregular heartbeat.
 June 5 Mem to Cal. for her birthday.
 14 Jack to Fla. to visit his parents.
 21 To ABTs – lovely overnight sail.
 23 Home again – lovely pink but no burn.
 July 1 Taylors & Prisleys off on a week's sail. They've been trying for two years to do this.
 10 A note from Reiman McIntosh enclosing a letter from my father to his (an uncle) asking for advice on Sister studying law – dated 1914. My only bit of memorabilia of my daddy as all goods burned in warehouse fire in 1922 fire. (*Letter is in Judy's "McIntosh" file.*)
 12 To ABTs - return Tuesday.
 13 Call from Johns Hopkins – a cancellation will permit surgery on my eye on 15th. After 5 hr wait and extensive exams, including 8 pictures, opaque ? on left eye slit by Dr. Stark.
 15 Local anesthetic light sedative. Back to ABTs that afternoon
 17 Back to hospital. Shield removed. I can see.
 J & J left for week's visit in Charleston with Donna & Fred
 Home again

Jul 22 1981 Surgery on rt. eye. Not so easy as left. Less anesthesia, no sedative, flat on
 stretcher, strapped down for 1 ½ hrs. Was conscious whole time, some
 pain.
 23 Shield removed. I see faces, and a no longer murky world. Prayers from
 Judy's, Mem's and my own Bible classes, friends & relatives surely were
 answered.
 24 Home again to a new world.
 25 J & J home after good visit but very high temps.
 I had a fall in bath, struck my head against the wall but assured no damage
 to eyes.
 29 Arnett took me to see Dr. Hannon. He quite pleased with condition of my
 eyes. Will not fit me for new glasses until Sept 1 to let eyes heal. In interim
 I use old glasses & magnifiers.
 Aug 15 Weekend with Phil & Darlene. Eden a doll.
 23 To Williamsburg. Then delightful week's visit with J & J. Eliz. enrolled for Jr.
 year. Impressed with College
 29 PATs leave for 2 weeks in Hawaii
 Sept 1 Dr. Hannon – verdict – nothing further can be done to improve sight. No
 glasses yet.
 2 To ABTs. Little Too-tall is a precious lovable puppy.
 6 Home again
 23 Arnett & Jack gave nutrition talk at CVH. About 60 attended – no business
 derived as yet.
 Oct 5 Deep cough. Saw doctor in infirmary.
 9 To Capon springs. Delightful. Judy's brood present.
 15 Herricks in Falls Church over nite. We left for Charleston noonish.
 16 Overnite with Frances (*McIntosh, in Columbia, SC*). Nancy there briefly
 17 Donna took me to Charleston. She and Fred comfortably situated & seem
 very happy.
 21 To Buells in Summerville.
 24 Donna came for me. Her father took us to my first Japanese dinner – good.
 25 McIntosh reunion. Rainy. Quite a crowd of kin. At last met Reiman & wife.
 27 To W.H. Fla by Amtrak. Most comfortable. Left Char 4:56 AM – W.H. 1:15
 PM
 31 EHTs drove me to Sebring to visit Maxine. Pleasant visit. Saw some old
 friends. Little rain & lakes very low.
 Nov 7 EHTs came for me.
 10 Orlando to Atlanta. New airport cost \$300,000,000!
 14-15 Atlanta – Helen Caudle drove me around & took me to lunch twice. Saw
 Stone Mt. Herricks, Elizabeth & Henry Hennig & I had lunch together. Left
 from Atlanta's new airport for Baltimore. ABTs met me.
 17 Dr. Hannon prescribed two pair of glasses – far and near sight. Former so
 complicated to grind that I cannot have bifocals.
 25 To ABTs.
 26 Lovely dinner. Two Filipino mids (*midshipmen*) were guests.
 28 Brief call by Phil, Darlene, Mary Ann & Eden. Had nice lunch at Hall.
 Dec 2 Memmy took me to pick up new close sight glasses. Such a relief.
 4 ABTs to Bermuda for 4 days – Shaklee gift for good sales.

Dec 15 1981 Got regular glasses. Blurry but hope I adjust. Judy spent nite.
16 Heavy snow – a white world.
17 Permanent – Olga’s shop across town.
19 PAT’s had Olga & me to fine dinner. Eden much fun. She’s such a happy
babe.
20 Annapolis – Shaklee party, 30 present. Shared my birthday.
25 A, M & I to Prisleys for dinner, after opening our stockings together. All the
Prisley young there, also 2 cats, & the rector Jim Towner & wife, Carole. A
really happy day.
28 Home again.

1982

Jan 10 Co-hostess with Laura Sibert for usual monthly Sunday tea. Quite a
success. Too cold outdoors – 2 below – for folk to leave home.
20 Judy’s car skidded on ice. Turned turtle into ditch. She received one small
thigh bruise. Jack was driving behind her. He got the jammed doors open
so she could get out. God was surely with us.
21 More snow – 17 inches all told, 7 degrees below 0 – rated coldest winter
hereabouts in 50 years.
30 Insurance company rates Judy’s car a total wreck
27 Jack came to take me to W.Va. Fred & Donna back to Jax from Charleston
– “Dale” in service after overhaul.

Feb 2 Home again. Heavy snow everywhere. Got humidifier.
7 Gave chapel altar flowers in memory of my beloved Arnett and precious
Jimmy.
8 Mem took me to Dr. Hannon. He says eyes in good condition tho sight
leaves much to be wished for. I do no longer see all street or car lights with
long arrows – a relief.
17 Have had pain in left third finger & palm for some time. Dr. Dombroski says
ligament trouble – gave shot of cortisone. May need surgery. Mem not too
well – may change diet.
27 Couples night out at Sail Loft – Navy yard. Heavy snow.
28 My 61st anniversary. To Annapolis for nite. Lovely dinner at Harbor House
and best movie in years “Windwalker”.

Mar 3 Rec’d word today thru Fran Delaney that George Gaskill died last week &
Billie is living with Bob and Joan.
13 To Newport News (as guests) (*Vinson Hall residents*). Commissioning of
carrier “Carl Vinson”. Very interesting.
29 Surgery on bad finger. Release stenosing tendonitis (*stenosing
tenosynovitis, aka trigger finger*) of left middle finger. Fairfax Hospital.
Heavy bandage but no cast. J & J took me, then to W. Va.

Apr 1 Hair cut, short across back, rest soft wave I like it. Alowyn did a good job.
Hand doing O.K. but can’t use it much.
3 Elizabeth home over-nite with boy-friend, Timothy Howe – very nice young
man.
4 Palm Sunday service AM at St. Andrews, Ultraia (*Cursillo gathering
“ultreya”*) & supper Trinity Church, Shepherdstown
8 Seder meal, Jewish cantor – very interesting.

- Apr 9 1982 Wakened to a totally white world.
 10 Steve called. Has accepted job with Continental Can subsidiary (Computer & forestry) in Augusta Ga.
 11 Easter. J & J brought me home, then they on two week trip – see Steve in Blacksburg, Fred & Donna in Jax. Then many Shaklee visits.
 13 Stitches out of hand – still some pain. Pd bill \$300.00!! Hospital charge not rec'd as yet. Arnett drove me. Had lunch at Ft. Myer Club. Daffodils a pure glory in Lady Bird Johnson Park.
 25 Cocktail brunch – Peggy Edsall, Marion Linebaugh, Marie Harrison and me – great success. Group of 12 U.D.C. visit to Petersburg & Blandford Church with its magnificent Tiffany windows.

Beginning here there is distinct change in handwriting – more sprawling and not so close and compact.

- May 2 JPPs and I to Holy Comforter where joined by ABTs for service followed by Elizabeth's talk on trip with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship to Philippines this summer.
 3 Happy Osborne took several of us to Colonial Dames Hall to hear Gen Bruce Clark speak on Berlin Wall. Most lovely house & delicious "collation." I'd like to be a Dames member but fear my poor vision makes search for credentials impossible.
- June 17 Elizabeth leaves for Dallas, join group & on to Philippines.
 26 Steve got his M.S. in Forestry from V.P.I.
 26-28 Taylor reunion at Wayside Inn, Middletown, Va. to celebrate Edmund's 80th birthday. Good food, interesting Inn, dates from 1797 – Edmund, Mil, Buddy & his new wife Liz & little 5 yr old Heather (Liz a delightful person), Mary Ann, Beth and 2 yr. old Philip, Phil & Darlene and 13 month old Eden, _____ friends of long standing from Richmond, & myself. A very good get-together.
- July 19 Buells here overnite. Just back from 2 mo. in England. Report conditions there very unstable – strikes, bombings etc.
 21 Judy picked up Olga Jacobs and me for a couple of days in W.Va. Most pleasant stay. Work progressing on drain field for their new house for which we saw the plans – most promising.
 23 Home about noon. Arnett picked me up. nice sail in afternoon with N.A's new football coach & wife – good supper aboard.
- Aug 17 Elizabeth safely home. Lots to tell us. Visited Marsh (*Gillette, in Maui*) en route – reports all quite well with her. Dr. Hannon says he can do nothing to help my vision but I'll not go entirely blind. Have separate glasses for near & far sight & two sets of dark ones. I gave up idea of trip to England – just too much I can't see! The Talking Books are a godsend. Am now hoping I can manage a Fla. trip in Oct.
 29 EHTs here for lunch en route back to Fla.
- Sept 1 Mary and Arnett home from wonderful Shaklee meeting in Hawaii. Saw the Batts, Robin, Kenny and Martha.
 15 Mem and Arnett took me to Orioles game. Lots of fun.
 30 Buells here overnite, returning from Canada.

Oct 21 1982 To Florida to EHTs. Darlene and baby Eden there. Phil came later. Had a good visit with Maxine but no available transportation to see Percys or get to Bradenton.

Nov 4 Met Herricks in Tampa and had a nice visit with them in Atlanta.

16 Saw Dr. Cashay for hearing test. No help. Just the common complaint of "aging."

24 Judy and Jack to Ga. to see Steve, to Jax to see Fred & Donna – Elizabeth with them.

25 Buells, Fran's nephew _____ Guthridge, wife & two very nice sons here for evening – G's live in Fairfax.

Thanksgiving Olga Jacobs and I with Mary and Arnett

Nov 29 J and J back home

Dec 8 Delightful birthday dinner at 7 Corners, Arnett, Judy and I guests of Jack and Mary. I went home with J & J for overnite.

21 Twins (here) Mary Bryan and Ruth Owens celebrated their 85th birthday – cocktails with their family in apt, then very nice dinner upstairs. Included me and two others.

24 Fred in the Med. on cruiser Dale. Donna had reservations, air, to join him at Majorca. Eastern failed to notify her of flight cancellation. Poor child spent Christmas with another Dale wife in Mayport. In Jan. she joined Fred at Naples (*Athens*) – lovely time. Then she on to Saudi Arabia to visit her parents. She is one responsible gal.

25 I spent Christmas with J & J, Steve and Elizabeth. Arnett & Mary in Cal. with Batts, Robin and Kenny.

Jan 2 1983 Assisted Helen Miller as hostess at monthly tea.

Feb 9 Began exercise class – want to lose 15 pounds

12 Second worst snow storm in D.C. history. 22-24" here, 33-36 in Harper's Ferry.

23 Dr. Hannon – no means of helping my constantly failing vision. I now wear distance glasses, or magnifying glasses and magnifying glass for all reading. I am really anxious but trying diligently to accommodate to the shortcoming.

26-28 Judy here – a real blessing. She cleaned my apt. Almost all of my dresses put thru laundry because of invisible (to me) spots, and was a consolation, beyond words, to me on this the 11th anniversary of my beloved Arnett's death. How deeply grateful I am to God for giving me my two loving children, and for Mary and Jack, who are goodness itself to me.

Feb Fred promoted to full lieutenant and will this spring take over as XO on mine sweeper. He and Donna will move back to Charleston.

Handwriting worsens further.

11 (*repeat*) Second heaviest snowfall in history for this area and W. Virginia – 26" here, up to 36 for Judy & Jack's area.

23 Edmund and Liz Taylor have a new son – Joshua Eric.

25 Cousin James McIntosh (eldest of seven children) died in his sleep.

- Mar 6 ? 1983 Cousin Martha McIntosh Spellings (James' sister) died in Marshall, Texas, after a year in bed due to a stroke.
- 30 ? Arnett's cousin, Jack Steele, died of a stroke. Our generation is rapidly decreasing.
- Apr 3 I spent the weekend with Arnett and Mary. Then after church we went to Judy and Jack's for a lovely dinner, but more important saw Fred and Donna. Fred was "home" after six (*three*) months in the Med. and Indian Ocean. He is now slated for two weeks of school in Norfolk, Donna will be with him, then they move back to Charleston, S.C. from Jax, Fl.
- (May) 8 Mothers Day. Arnett, Mary, Robin and I had lovely buffet dinner at Army-Navy Club in District. Delicious food.
- 20 To Williamsburg to Elizabeth's graduation. A balmy weekend, lawn reception given by W&M president (he claimed to have shaken over 3,000 hands!) 1,115 grads (*13-16 May*)
- 9 Rebecca Louise born to Phil and Darlene. Edmund and Mil here. Leaving on 23rd. I had them all to dinner here before baby arrived. Phil has change of orders and they will move to Miami in Sept. I'll be sorry to have them go tho we see each other seldom.
- 25-26 Arnett by space available & Mary by straight flight to Cal. to Kenny's graduation. Peggy Batt has advised me that he is graduating with honors, Magna cum Laude, as Steve did. I decided against attending as I'm scheduled for a tour to Switzerland in July and think it wise to conserve my strength. My sight steadily worsens but eye doctor says I can make the trip – my swan-song for a great distance. Miriam Stratton will be my partner. (*And she did indeed make that trip!*) Edmund & Mil celebrating their 50th anniversary with family reunion on Anna Maria, June 26, but I declined that invitation too. I'm an old lady now!
- Oct 16 Arnett and Mary going to big Shaklee meet in Orlando. Took me to Fla. with them. Stopped at Dowling Park to see Percys. Mary Frances using walker, Willard in infirmary. On to Sebring! A and M overnight, Arnett a bit homesick. I visited Mil & Edmund – and Elizabeth Prine. Ordered granite head stone for Arnett Sr. & me to be placed in McIntosh lot in Woodlawn Cemetery in Tampa along with Mother & daddy and little Bunny. Sister & Guy in a lot nearby. Judy & Jack in Fla. on Shaklee business – they picked me up at Elizabeth's, on to Summerville S.C. to see Fred and Donna & Buells. They have very nice home. Fred is now XO on mine sweeper and she (*the ship*) just passed exam and rated Excellent Just received news of Donna's pregnancy – babe due in August 1984 – my first great grand.
- Dec 16 (*Nov?!*) Jack's father in hospital – just had a stroke. He has been somewhat senile for good while and Gladys' arthritis very bad. Mary's father, aged 90 years, had a fall – vertebrae broken and he in much pain. My sight still worsening, hearing poor, and just bought an aid (hearing). Otherwise I'm in good health and still have all of my own teeth except two! Hope they continue to serve me!

- Dec 6-7 1983 Such a lovely celebration of two birthdays – Arnett & Judy. They, Mem and Jack, and me, thrown in for good measure, dined at a hotel, then to Baltimore Civic Center to watch the parade and performance of the Black Watch and Scotch Guard. Much pleasure.
- 21 Mem and Arnett, Judy & Jack, Steve, Elizabeth and “boyfriend” Mark Edgren, Robin, Kenny and myself “dined” here at the Hall (delicious cake!) then I with ABTs to Annapolis and JPPs to W.Va. A wonderfully happy birthday do.
- 25 Taylors joined Prisleys on Christmas for dinner. I came back to the Hall. The ice is everywhere, ground, trees, roads, windows – cars parked on roadsides – temperature at 0. We had a lovely, loving day together, but saddened, quieted by the death of Fred Sr., Jack’s father, early that morning. Gladys went to Sue’s for several nights, then back to her retirement home. A memorial service was held on the 28th, but I had a bad cold and wouldn’t attend for fear of spreading germs. Jack has spent much time with Gladys and Judy alone in Shannondale, frozen in. Elizabeth has gone with Mark for a few days visit, in Oregon (*no, Washington*), with Mark’s parents. We presume wedding bells will ring this summer when Mark graduates from Wm & Mary and goes into army.
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- Jan 5 1984 One of the coldest winters the U.S. has known in many years – snow everywhere in this area. Well, a hearing aid has been added to my possessions – can’t say I’m thrilled but hope it will be of help – it should be as it cost \$450.00!! Robin in the area for a month – she is one smart gal. Is now working in a clinic. Kenny is raising mussels and oysters for a business. I’m vague on the deal.
- 12 Our greatest news of the present! Fred and Donna expect a new family member in August – we are all thrilled. Fred is doing extremely well on his ship – received several Es. Stephen is being transferred to Savannah. Elizabeth is doing well at Geo. Mason College, towards her certificate to teach English in foreign parts of the world.
- July 4 I’ve made no entries in many months. Nothing earth shattering except five or six weeks ago Nard, Mem & I went to a Baltimore ball game. We three caught flu. Theirs went away but it stayed with me, caused a dreadful cough, I spent several weeks in infirmary. The cough affected lower hip bones, damaging five and causing great pain. I’ve needed a cane for walking & considerable medication – including X-ray & new scanning machine. I am wearing the Spencer girdle I saved all these years from Judy’s graduation from Fla. State time when I threw some bone out of place & was laid up for months. Including a visit to Nard & Mary in Charleston.

JTP notes: Lapses in hearing and/or thinking have begun to show up in Mother’s writing. Elizabeth was not preparing to teach English abroad, but foreigners in U.S. Mother was not in the infirmary for “weeks” but off and on for a few days at a time. That illness and pain seemed to start a dramatic downward spiral in her physical and mental state. It was not hip bones that were affected by the cough, but coincidental compression fractures of vertebrae, plus increasing osteoporosis, all of which do indeed cause severe pain and discomfort.

July 1984 Elizabeth & Mark Edgren, a charming young man, have announced their engagement. Mark is still in Wm & Mary, graduates soon, goes into R.O.T.C, graduation. Their marriage is set for Jan 1985 (*no, April*). Robin was recently awarded first place among all nurse practitioners in San Francisco. (Excuse this horrible writing – doing it in my lap.) One sadness to report. Nell Watson Herrick's daughter, Peggy, has recently had her husband pack up his possessions & leave her and their 3 daughters. No more recent news.

Aug 2 1984 Sarah Jenine (*Janece*) born to Fred & Donna, 6 ½ lbs. Babe & Donna doing well. Mona (Donna's mother) with her from Saudi Arabia. Don (*meaning Rod Bennett*) has new job with ___ and they will be moving from Saudi to Cal. Edmund in very poor condition – he seems to be very much like my beloved Arnett – enlarged heart, poor memory. Their 3 children taking turns visiting them to help Mil.

JTP notes: And so end SMT's own entries into her account of her dear family. Some continuing dates (related to SMT) from Judy's log follow:

Sep 26-28 Mother visits us
 Nov 17-18 Mother visits with Fred, Donna, baby Sarah, for baptism attended also by Mimi, Rockefellers, DeeAnne Bennett, godparents Loren & Susan Kelley, with Shaun & Shannon, Arnett & Mibby, and the Adams, Watsons, Rileys, Kings

Dec 21 Mother's 86th birthday celebrated by J & J, Arnett and Mibby, Elizabeth & Mark, at Bolling Officers Club
 25 ABTs bring Mother to WV for Christmas dinner. Mimi here too, Steve and Elizabeth, and ABTs leave Mother for visit till the 27th

 Mar 21 1985 J & J, Mimi, Mother, Elizabeth fly to Albany NY for Steve and Karen's wedding on 23rd, returning 24th. Mother had a good time and was well accepted, but mental confusion was quite apparent to those of us close to her.

Apr 7 Easter: J, J, and E take both grandmothers to church at Holy Comforter, then to dinner at Vinson Hall
 26-28 Mother to Shannondale for Elizabeth's wedding
 May 2 Mother to Florida to visit Maxine Martin
 Sep 11 Gloria, a delightful young woman, starts twice a week visits as companion and helper to Mother, taking her shopping, for interesting rides and helping with correspondence and other things in the apartment.

Oct 30 Mother and Olga Jacobs visit Home Port
 Dec 8 JPPs, ABTs and Mother to Ft. Myer O. Club for birthday celebration
 12-14 Mother visits Home Port
 21 Steve, Karen and JPPs take Mother to Alpine Restaurant for her 87th birthday
 24-26 Jack brings both mothers to Home Port and we all go to midnight service, coming out to 2-3" lovely snow.

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June/July/August

Mother was in and out of the infirmary most expressly to keep her "under control." --From her apartment she would come to the lobby in the middle of the night with bag packed, "ready to go." --Folks in the dining room were upset by her searching the tables looking for Sister. --She was very unsteady on her feet and in pain from the osteoporosis and compression fractures. Gloria, her companion, did not feel she was in poor condition and only needed continued help, stimulation and understanding. I was called to Maui twice to aid in settling Martha Gillette in a nursing home and seeing to her effects. I often felt my protracted absences came at a time that was especially upsetting for Mother. She was high strung, fearful, lost, pitiful and not reacting well to any medication. Vinson Hall informed ABTs and us that we should make arrangements to move her to another place. We travelled so much that summer on our own family involvements that I was perhaps not as aware of Mother's predicament as if I'd been closer.

Oct 15-21

With Mother in the infirmary, I packed and closed out her apartment. ABTs were busy with their own house move. Nell & Jack Herrick visited Vinson Hall and Home Port and on the 21st ABTs brought Mother to Jeffersonian Manor in Charles Town.

Nov 27

Thanksgiving: Steve & Karen, ABTs, Dean & Beth Kellerhouse, Mimi and Mother all at Home Port. It was not a pleasant or easy time and Mother's last visit in one of our homes. She was lost, restless, couldn't sit still, didn't eat dinner, wanted to lie down, then to sit up, couldn't find her way about the house. It was a time of great sadness and yearning for the Mother who was gone from us. We had to accept the fact that life had ended with her whom we had known and enjoyed. I wish it were possible for me to conclude with a fitting testimony to such a beloved and loving, and strong mother. Maybe someday the words will come ...

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