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INTERVIEWEE Whit DAVIES X Whit Davies  
INTERVIEWER Suzanne Nicely  
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NUMBER OF TAPES \_\_\_\_\_

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Revisited  
Summer '93

HISTORY 1950-1970

YEAR	NATIONAL	STATE
<b>1955</b>		
Salk polio vaccine developed	Took sugar cube vaccine	Brother Bruce contracted
<b>1956</b>		
Grace Kelly/Prince Rainier wed	no memory	
Elvis Presley	Watched Ed Sullivan Show	
<b>1957</b>		
Civil Rights Act (1st since Reconstruction)	TV coverage	Gangs roamed Dalton area
Little Rock school desegregation crisis		
Peak of Baby Boom 4.3 million babies	Born 1954	
Soviet Union launches Sputnik		
<b>1958</b>		
Hula hoop		Family had one
<b>1959</b>		
7 Mercury Astronauts named	TV coverage with dad	Family in awe of space race
<b>1960</b>		
John Kennedy elected President	Ballot stuffing in Illinois	Family staunch Republican
Sit-ins to protest segregation	TV coverage	
<b>1961</b>		
Bay of Pigs	Called in Eisenhower	Father's opinion low of JFK
Alan Shepard -1st American in space	Original 7 Astronaut	TV coverage
Berlin Wall erected	Kennedy's appearance	Parents discussed communism
<b>1962</b>		
Cuban missile crisis	1st real world crisis	Bomb shelter in basement

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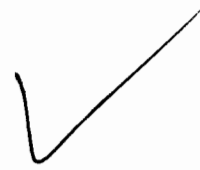
John Glenn orbits the Earth	TV coverage	Watched
<b>1963</b>		
Kennedy assassinated	TV coverage	Considered Kennedy reckless
Lyndon Johnson becomes President	Watched swearing in	Watched Kennedy funeral
		Johnson sworn in, Oswald
<b>1964</b>		
Civil Rights Act		No discussions
Beetles come to America	Ed Sullivan Show	Not Rock n Roll fan
<b>1965</b>		
Americanization of the War begins		Brother tried to enlist in
Theatre work starts - interviewee		1st acting job - Dalton
<b>1966</b>		
Student deferments		College campus life
US escalates air war in Vietnam	TV coverage	
<b>1967</b>		
Anti War demonstrations	TV coverage	Hippies causing problems
<b>1968</b>		
"Hair" on Broadway-1st rock musical		Not Rock n Roll fan
Johnson won't seek reelection	Lame duck President because of Vietnam	
MLK assassinated		Father brought gun into
<b>1969</b>		
Apollo 11 lands 1st American on Moon	TV coverage	Stayed up all night to watch
Mini skirts / bell-bottom pants		Didn't have any
Woodstock		Knew of existence

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Withdrawal of American troops begin	Nixon brought troops home	
<b>1970</b>		
Women protest against descrimination		Mother was southern bel
Kent State and Jackson State student killings		Believed not deliberate
Co-ed dorms in campus in US		No big thing!

Jane Nicely

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1. Where were you born? Family background?
2. Family history?
3. What are your first memories of the time period from 1950 to 1970?
4. Any memories of the civil rights movement?
5. Any memories of President Kennedy's days in office?
6. Do you remember the first seven (7) astronauts? First man in space? First orbit around the earth?
7. What do you remember about the Cuban missile crisis confrontation between Kennedy and Kruchev?
8. Where were you when President Kennedy was assassinated? *Elvis?*
9. Did you see the "Beatles" on the Ed Sullivan TV show?
10. Vietnam War - any memories? Draft dodgers? Draft card burning?
11. TV and newspaper coverage of the Kent State campus killings.
12. Thoughts on Neil Armstrong's 1st giant leap for mankind?
13. Impressions of mini skirts, long hair, love beads, free love, hippies?
14. Did you attend Woodstock?

*Women's Rghts Mot?  
Environmental Mvt? Earth Day?*

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: WHIT DAVIES M/F M

Address: BENT TREE

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate age or date of birth: 12/17/54

Mother's Name: EMILY

Father's Name: BILL

Places lived and when: ITALIA - OKINAWA - TEXAS  
ALABAMA - MA

Education: college

Religion: PROTESTANT

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation: Systems Analyst

Former occupations: CIA

Special Skills: Theatre Performances

Major Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

National Events in which interviewee has participated: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: Theatre

National born U.S. citizen? Yes/No where?

Naturalized Citizen: Yes/No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Country from which he/she emigrated: \_\_\_\_\_

Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_