The End of November

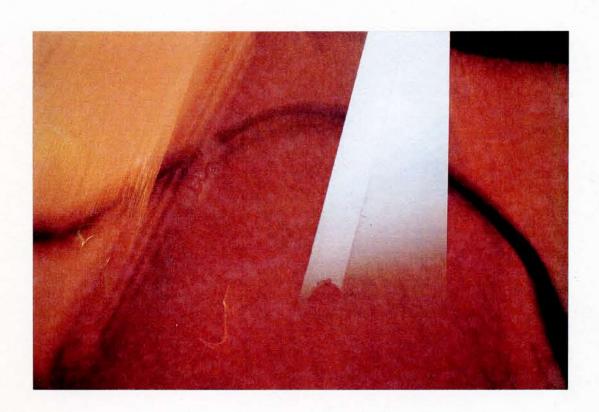
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All the photographs in this collection were made because at that moment, at that place, at that point in my life, I needed to make a photograph. Not only for the pleasure of creating an image, but for the pleasure and importance of photographing to remember.



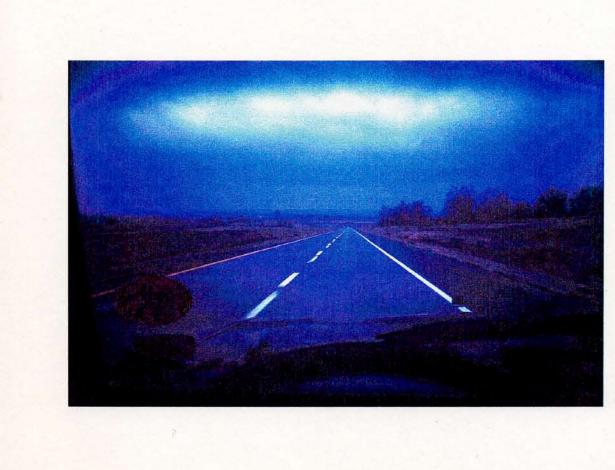
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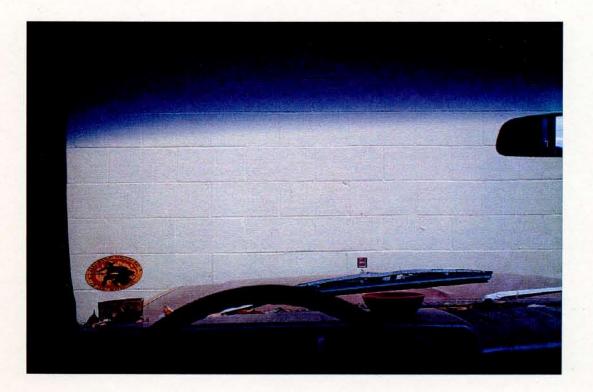


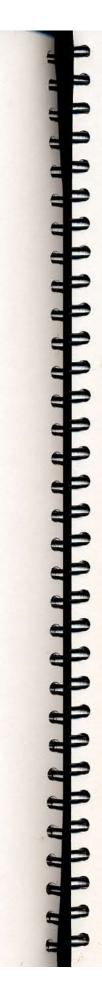
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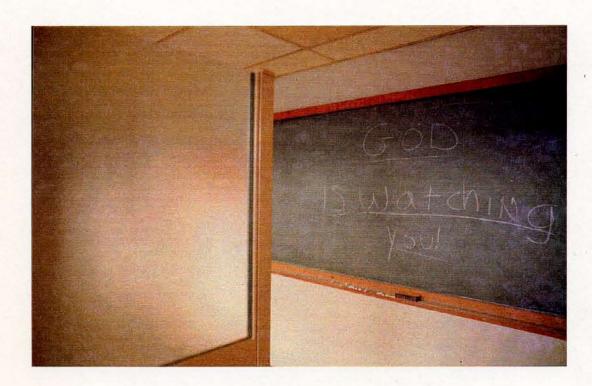
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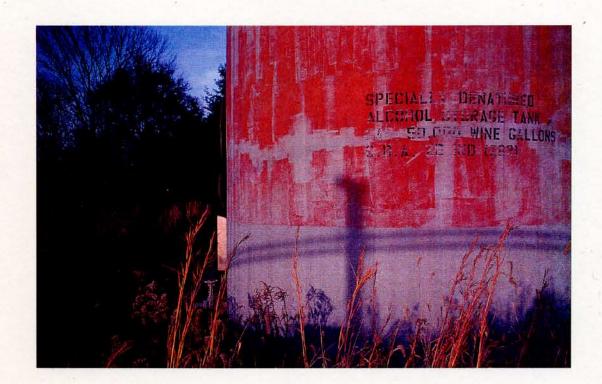


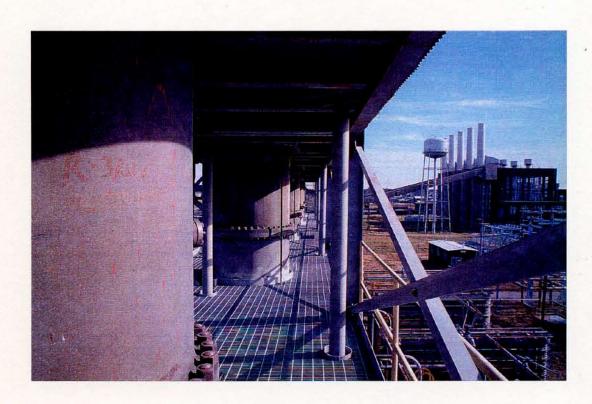
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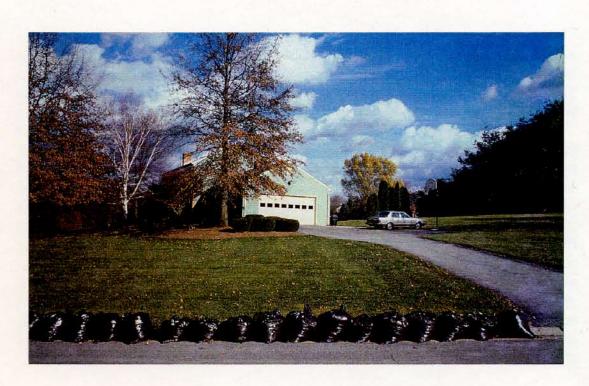
My Parents House



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At the end of November, my grandmother was visiting. I have only seen her once or twice a year my whole life. And this time with her made me realize I know nothing about her as a person. I know what she looks like, sounds like, and that I will get a card from her on any given holiday. But still, I do not know the incredible person I believe her to be.

The evening before I returned to Rochester, I set out to take her portrait. The light outside was just right and I asked her if she would allow me to take her picture. She agreed and we stepped out onto the patio. As soon as I raised my camera to my eye, I knew I would not have a successful photograph. There was an awkward tension between us, and we both felt it. Neither one of us knew what to do or what to say. Frustrated, I took one frame and went inside. She stayed on the patio. I walked into the next room and made a photograph of an arrangement of feathers and sticks my mother had made and my grandmother admired. I then made the photograph of my grandmother on the patio. She did not notice. I went back to the other room were she was now sitting and began to photograph an unlit candle. She asked me if I was taking her picture, I said no. It was the end of November.



