



My grandfather, Roosevelt Crowder, owned and operated a farm near Kenbridge, Virginia, from the 1950s through the 1970s. He farmed tobacco, raised livestock, and grew fruits and vegetables. The tobacco was their cash crop; they often gave away the produce and meat to friends, neighbors, and strangers. During a summer break from college in 2009, I began documenting his life and that of my grandmother, Easter Crowder, as they worked their 20 acre farm in Lunenburg County. I had an instinct to catalog their voices, their daily routines, the wrinkles of their hands and faces. I wanted to regard the lives they built for themselves and their children. I wanted to pay attention to these people who meant so much to me and document for a larger audience how their lives mattered. —Nicole Crowder, *photographer*



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