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I made the photographs for this project in 2013. At the time, I did not understand why I was making the pictures, but the extreme conditions of my mother's home compelled me to document her situation. A home that was once a vibrant ministry that provided housing and counseling for a broad array of people, and that offered the possibility of freedom and a new beginning, had become an isolated prison. *Mother* is a project that explores a person dealing with a mental illness that manifests itself through the act of hoarding, and which renders a person unable, or unwilling, to affirm the dire circumstances of their external world.

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