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Nicholas Widener is a photographer based in Chattahoochee Hills, GA. He graduated from Georgia College in 2013 with a BA in Mass Communication and the Savannah College of Art and Design with an MFA in Photography in 2019. Last year Nicholas founded the Film program at his high school alma mater, Woodward Academy. He is presently teaching film studies and coaching cross country and track and field. Work from Both Sides of the Old Road has been featured in group exhibitions at the Chatt Hills Co-Op, Serenbe Art Farm, and Slow Exposures. He exhibited two solo shows premiering work from the book at Woodward Academy and Theatrical Outfit in Atlanta.

I use photo-genealogy in Both Sides of the Old Road to excavate my familial roots. Combining archival letters, old family photographs, and objects with my own portraits and landscapes, I endeavor to tell the story of my ancestral origins in the Black Belt region of Alabama. My brother, Andrew Widener, is a genealogist at Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Washington, D.C. He has researched, collected, and identified information and oddities about our family for over a decade. Halfway through this odyssey, I began to ride along with him to the Black Belt where the stories he gathered turned into visual imagery.



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