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It's not well known that the modest poet William Carlos Williams was also a doctor. Photographer Thomas Roma obtained a list of residences Williams visited while on house calls in northern New Jersey in the 1950s and photographed them today—showing the dereliction of the decades. These photographs are patiently distributed amongst reminiscences from writer Robert Coles, who accompanied Williams on these adventures. Black and white street scenes and glances over backyard fences employ the same careful observation that Williams goaded Coles to adopt on their nightly drives. These dual present-day accounts are interspersed with Williams's sparse poetry, where you see the modernist master's philosophy synthesized. This book is a quiet comparison of poetry and photography's composition, held together (and illuminated) by the subjective record of personal memory.

