

a wide street--anyway, right across from that was a big stucco building--my sis lived there and I used to room there when my oldest used to live there with her--my oldest boy was just startin' to school and he had a lab down in the basement and I use to go down there and mess around--course I didn't know all the medical names that he used, but he'd go out here on the river and gather all the stuff, you know, gather--and he'd get this--took the heart out of that sumac you know the limb of it and he'd make the most gorgeous beautiful rouge and he'd get this oil they refined down and you can do somethin' to it and it hardens and you make lipstick--and he married my niece, you know, he made lipstick and rouge for her--made it for other people that went out to the students of OU made a little Moonshine down there too--brother-in-law caught him. He had a little explosion--he didn't know how--he wouldn't listen to me--I tried to tell him how to fix that coil on that, cause I'd help my grandmother distill rosewater, you know, to make perfume out of rose petals and grandma would just take an old kerosine can--brand new one, you know and then she put this little tube on that coil around the grandma would get a block of ice and set on that tube and she had all the crushed rose petals in there, you know and that cook off, see and that stuff come down through there and then drip out down in a jar and it's just like perfume but it didn't have a color in it--it would be just like alcohol, but it'd have that nice rose fragrant and course it was a crude way of making it, but you know it's not like a manufacturer, but she had her way, she learned it from some Missouri moon shiners that's where she learned through. But anyway that's the reason why I knew how to fix those coils, see. And Bobby wouldn't listen to me to how to fix those coils and he had 'em fixed where they, well, they just didn't work and they just blowed up. You know, I think he made it out of glass if I'm not mistaken and anyway the glass heat and cold in glass together, just don't work. You can work it on copper or anything but--so now he used to get some you know, make some medicine down there--my step-grandfather used to peddle pills and you know, there used to be some wild rhubarb that growed up and down the creeks and things in Oklahoma--I don't know what to look for now, see--but, I use to know it when I was akid and he'd cook that darn stuff up and it'd be red, the water would be red, they'd eat the greens part of it.