

CROWTOWN INDIAN VILLAGE
Jk. Co. Site #45 7 Box 6
Sec. 31, T3S, R8E ITEM 44

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 45

1. Name of site or structure CROWTOWN Indian Village

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) about 4 mi. south of Stevenson;
follow dirt road off of Jackson County road 117 to end of road;
plowed field.

3. Description this was the site of an early Indian Village;
now a plowed field

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Crow Town was the
largest Cherokee Indian Village in what is now Jackson County,
Alabama. Also largest of the "five lower towns
of the Tennessee."

Names:

Crowtown Indian
Village

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Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

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TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: JACKSON

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes
Sorrells

Historical Notes Number: 45
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: 86-90
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: CROWTOWN Indian Village

2. Location: about 4 mi. South of Stevenson. Follow dirt road
off of Jackson 117. to end of road; plowed field.

3. Owner of Property: unknown

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage: unknown

6. Classification: site

7. Integrity: Not determined.

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8. Condition: village now ruins remain.

9. Present Use: farm; cultivated for crops. ~~Difficult~~ Difficult to explore due to flood conditions and mud.

10. Areas of Significance: One of most important Cherokee settlements in the Tennessee Valley; one of the "Five Lower Towns of the Tennessee" situated on Crow Creek, 8 mi. above its confluence with the Tennessee River. It was settled about 1782 by a portion of the Chickamauga Cherokees under their chief, "The Crow". The Chickamaugas were inveterate enemies of the whites, and from the "Five Lower Towns" originated many of the bloody incursions upon the white settlers of Tennessee and Kentucky. An important trail led from Crowtown to Long Island Town in one direction and to Sauta and Coosada in the other. Ref: O. D. Street, Alabama History Commission Report (1901), p. 418; Pickett, History of Alabama, Vol. 1, p. 163; Fifth Annual Report Bureau of American Ethnology (1887), pp. 144, 151; Alabama History Society, Transactions, 1899-1903, Vol. 4, p. 193; Handbook of American Indians (1907), Vol. 1, p. 260; Richardson, Alabama Encyclopedia, p. 130; Owen, History of Alabama, Vol. 1, p. 438

Knoll located at end of access road seems likely site for village. Atop the mound is a partial stone wall or foundation with two thorn trees growing within. Knoll is vacant of underbrush or trees as surrounding area is. Knoll is grass covered; appears to be fissure.

11. Architectural Description: p. 418; Pickett, History of Alabama, Vol. 1, p. 163; Fifth Annual Report Bureau of American Ethnology (1887), pp. 144, 151; Alabama History Society, Transactions, 1899-1903, Vol. 4, p. 193; Handbook of American Indians (1907), Vol. 1, p. 260; Richardson, Alabama Encyclopedia, p. 130; Owen, History of Alabama, Vol. 1, p. 438

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/2/74

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Crowtown Indian
Village

Owen,
Pickett,

Richardson,
Street, O. D.

The Crow (Indian
Chief)

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

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Dates:

Mar 02, 1974

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TARCOG
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: JACKSON

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes
Sorrells

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Sorrells

Date of Photograph: 3/2/74 View Description: Site of
Crowtown Village.

Roll Number: _____

Exposure Number: _____

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 10 VS
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 11 VS
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): End of farm road of Jackson County,
road 117. Area of site is now plowed farm land.

Owner or Occupant: unknown
(Name, if known)

Address: _____

TYPE of Structure: () House () Outbuilding () Commercial
(where appropriate, () Barn () Industrial (X) Other, describe
check one or more) Indian site

Apparent period of construction: () Federal
ca. 1782 () Greek Revival
() Mid-19th Century
() Latter 19th Century
() Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions: () Federal
(if appropriate) () Greek Revival
() Mid-19th Century
() Latter 19th Century
() Early 20th Century
(X) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: _____

Date of completion: 3/2/74 Form HS-2

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Places:

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Types:

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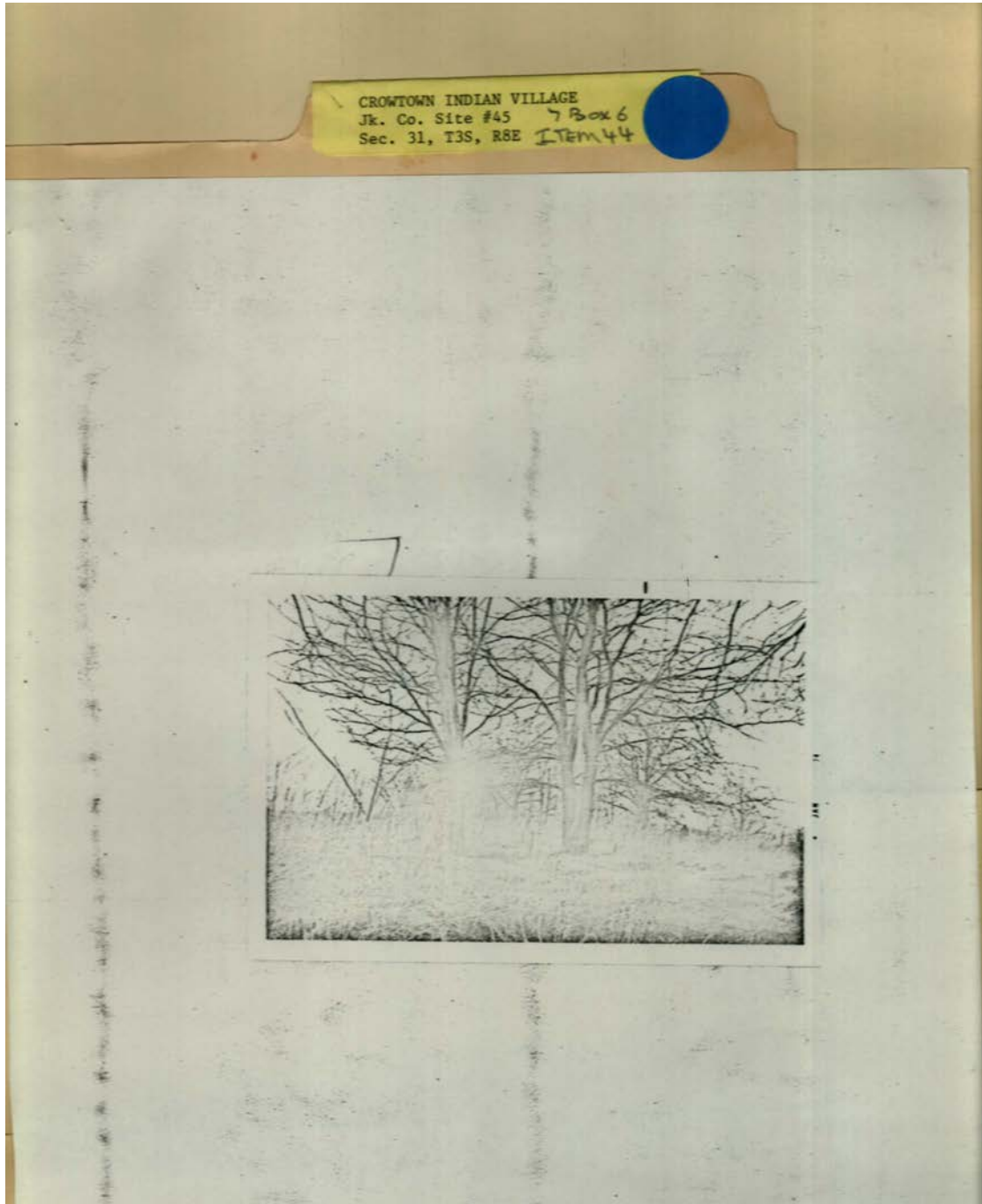
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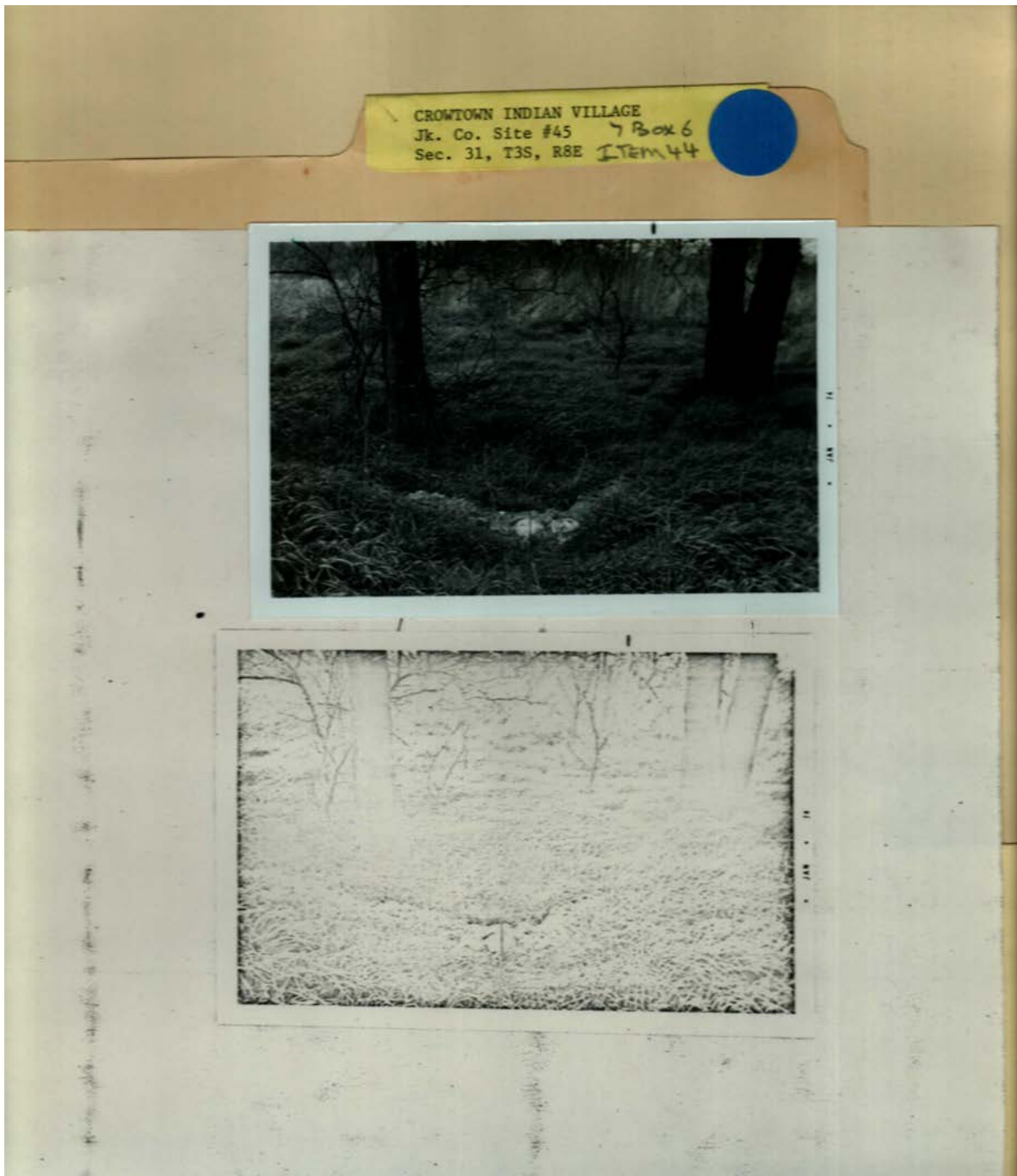
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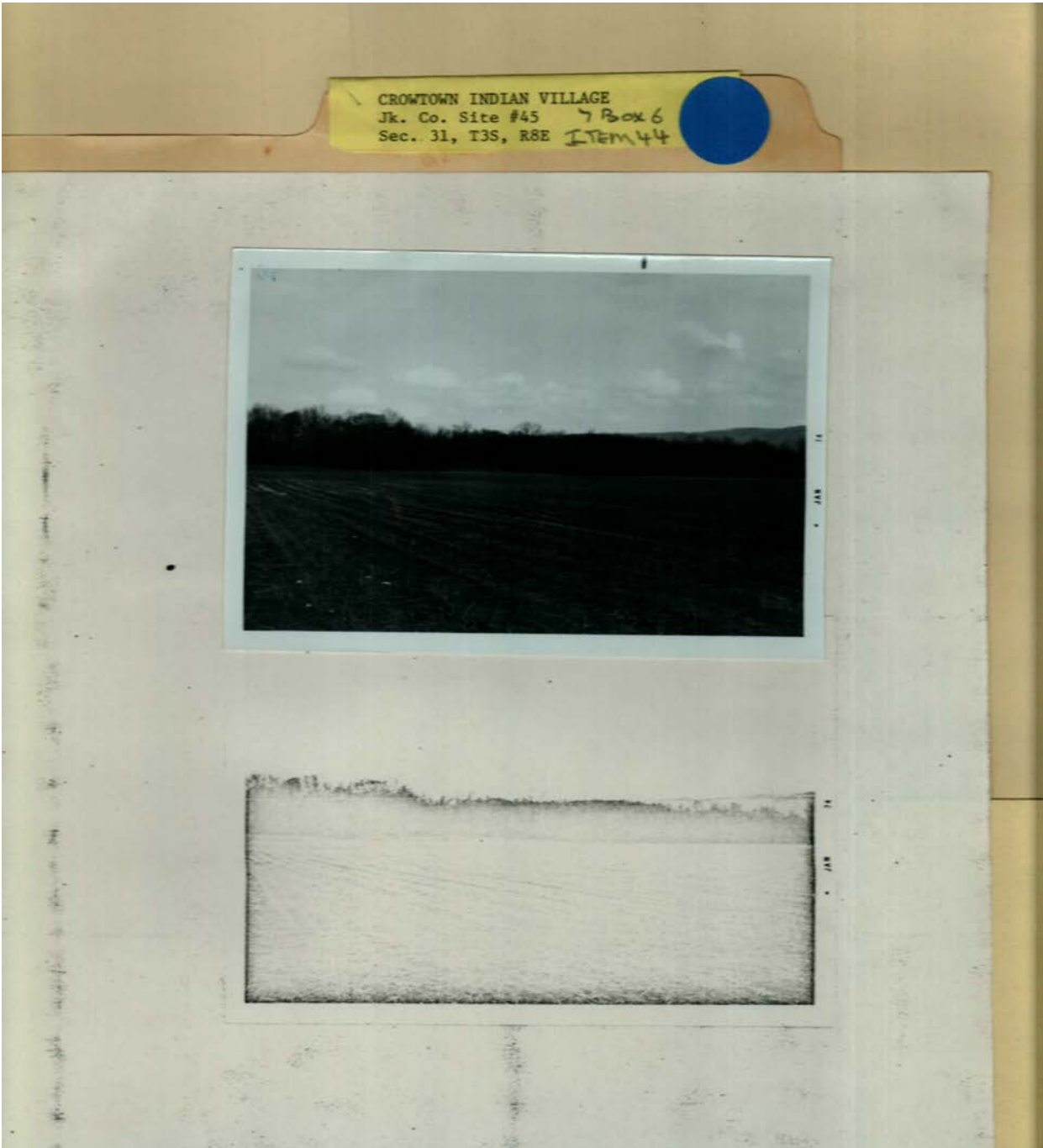
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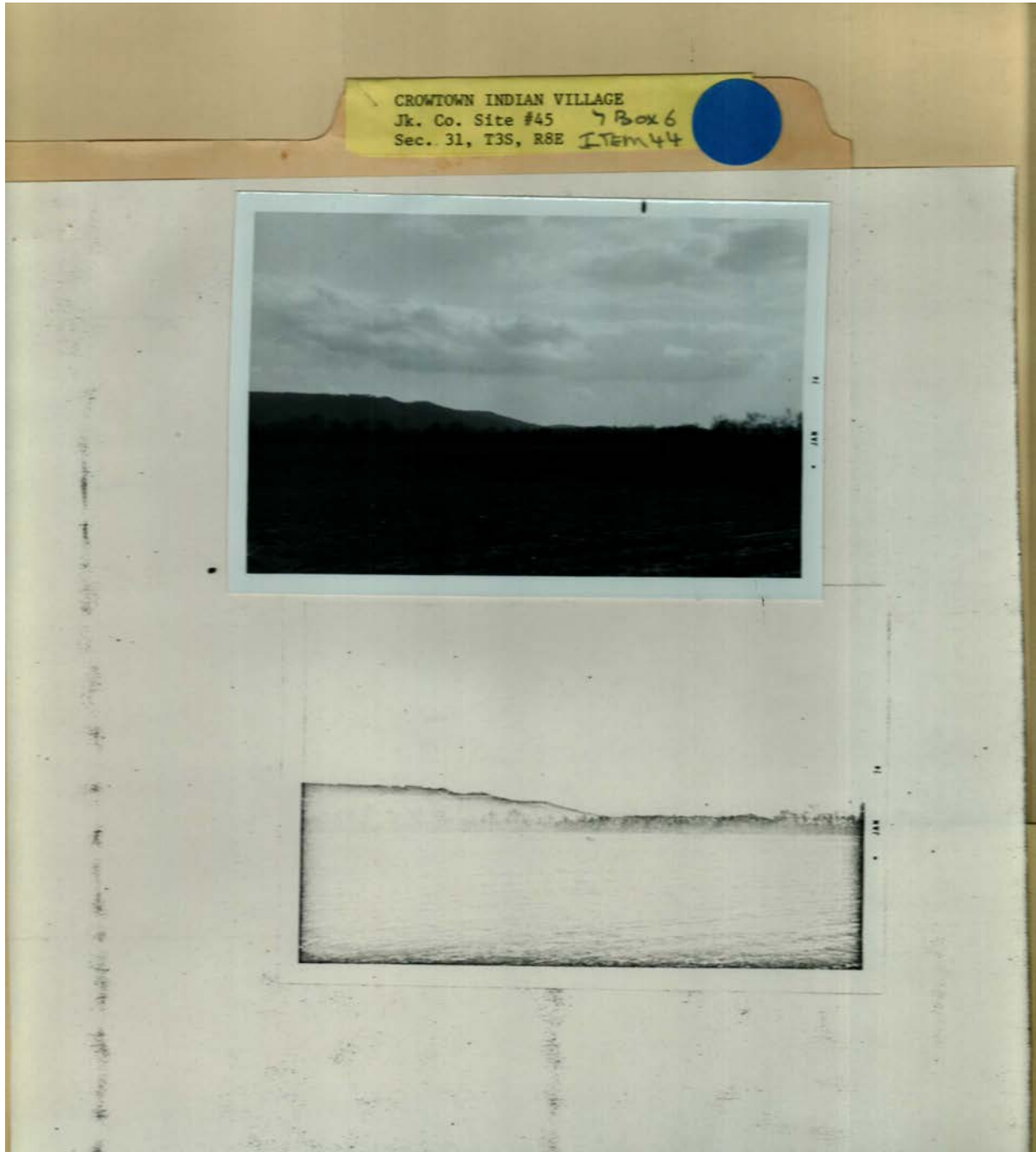
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