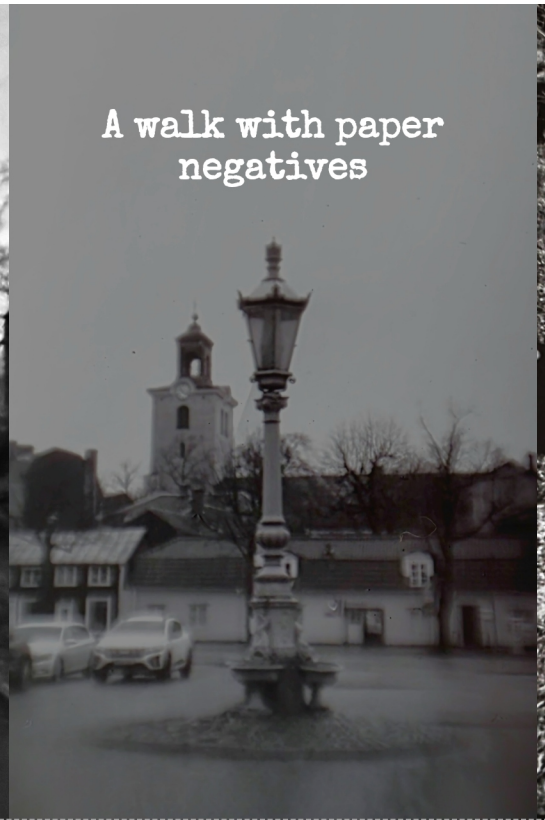A walk with paper negatives