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1. DATE AND TIME OCT? 1859 JUST BEFORE DAYBREAK

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)  
COLDWATER

3. PATH LENGTH  NOT KNOWN  <1mi;  1-4mi;  5-10mi;  11-50mi;  LENGTH IF >50mi

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE?  YES;  NO;  UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION?  YES;  NO;  UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND?  YES;  NO;  UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$ UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES  
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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) No remarks by called a 'fearful tornado or whirlwind'.

(b) Buildings unroofed, household furniture sucked out and carried away. School house lifted from its foundation and carried into an adjoining lot.



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24 OCT 1859

TERRIBLE TORNADO AT COLDWATER.

Near Orillia—Lake Simcoe

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Your obedient servant,

Colonist  
24 Oct/1859

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