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1. DATE AND TIME 18.8.1862 1600 LOCAL
2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) BURLINGTON BAY (began on the hill just above Cook's wharf.)
3. PATH LENGTH NOT KNOWN <1mi; 1-4mi; 5-10mi; 11-50mi; LENGTH IF >50mi
4. PATH WIDTH 15 feet 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; ⑥ dark and heavy in colour
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 NONE
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
 ORANGEVILLE SUN. THURSDAY SEPT 4 1862
 DAILY SPECTATOR AND JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, HAMILTON AUG 19, 20, 21 1862
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
- (a) A huge column of water was raised towards cloud of a peculiar shape, and dark and heavy in colour, while all around, the water was tossing to and fro, and the waves dashed upwards about 7 or 8 feet. Its course inclined toward the shore and the heavy body of water soon struck the bank and collapsed but the whirlwind continued on its course in a straight line... it then proceeded through a cornfield, making a passage about 15 feet wide and twisting the corn stalks into round little clumps. An eyewitness said "I saw in a very black looking cloud, a well defined circle with a small centre... the centre became elongated assuming the shape of a funnel."
- (b) fences levelled, crops flattened and the roof taken of a barn.



90° 79°

LAKE ERIE



81° 80° To Cleveland To Jamestown 79° To Salamanca To Salamanca

THE DAILY SPECTATOR AND JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AUGUST 19 1862. Hamilton.
STORM DATE: August 18 1862

A WATERSPOUT. / A singular phenomenon was observed in the northeastern part of the sky yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock which was nothing less than a huge waterspout. At the first sight the water might have been seen falling from it when it suddenly collapsed and drew up towards the sky.

THE DAILY SPECTATOR
AND JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

AUGUST 20 1862

Daily Spectator.

THE WATERSPOUT.—The water spout which we briefly noticed yesterday as occurring in the Bay, was rather a unique concern in this part of the continent, for we believe there has been not only no prototype here within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant," but indeed no instance of such a phenomenon on such a small sheet of water as Burling-on Bay. We are indebted to an eye-witness for an account of its progress. When first seen it appeared to be near the Hospital, about 100 yards from the shore, and the first impression of our informant was that a steamer had taken fire near the bank (which at this place rises to a considerable height) for there seemed to be a noise as of the blowing off of steam, and the atmosphere appeared to be filled with smoke. On approaching the bank, he discovered the nature of the phenomenon, which then presented a singular appearance. A huge column of water was raised towards a cloud of a peculiar shape, and dark and heavy in color, while all around the water was tossing to and fro and the waves dashed upwards about seven or eight feet. Its course inclined towards the shore, and the heavy body of water soon struck the bank and collapsed, but the whirlwind continued on its course in a straight line, carrying with it all sorts of rubbish. It then proceeded through a cornfield, making a passage about fifteen feet wide, and twisting the cornstalks into round little clumps in its progress. Passing over a ravine, it again touched the water, but soon reached the bank, injuring fences and the growing crops. The first real obstruction which it met was the barn belonging to Mr. Wyllie. A waggon was unloading grain as it approached, but the teamster, noticing the unusual and threatening object approaching, backed his team out and escaped in time. The whirlwind came on, entered the open door, and the next thing the observer saw was the roof of the barn rising in the air, like a balloon, to the height of about 100 feet. The roof was carried in this manner nearly 300 yards, when it split in four pieces, and fell to the ground. It is rather singular that none of the grain, with which the barn was filled, was touched. The aerial phenomenon then proceeded over an open space until it reached a clump of trees, on the farm of Mr. Harvey, where it seems to have spent its force, for it was not seen to emerge therefrom. The whole distance travelled was about a mile and a half, and its rate of progression about six miles an hour. It is certainly one of the most singular phenomena that has occurred in this section, and is deserving the attention of naturalists.

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AUG 21 1862

Daily Spectator.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

Geo. H. Armstrong Esq., Presiding Magistrate.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20.

DRUNK.

Owen Kennedy, Elizabeth Preston, and Michael Welsh, were charged by the Police with being drunk on the street. They were admonished and discharged.

[To the Editor of the Spectator.]

Sir,—I have read your account of the Waterspout of Monday last with interest, as I happened to be an eye witness from the middle of the bay of the extraordinary movements of this novel visitor.

As it is desirable that all the phenomena attending it should be made public, on account of its dangerous effects, I may mention that I must have observed it before your informant. I first saw, in a very black looking cloud, a well defined circle, with a small centre, which I should say must correspond to with what sailors call an "ox eye," and which, in the tropics, is the sure precursor of a typhoon.

The centre became elongated, assuming the shape of a funnel or lower part of a balloon. I almost immediately first saw its effects on the hill just above Cook's Wharf, where it raised a cloud of dust, which apparently followed it until it passed over to the bay, where your informant first saw it, and when all the effects described by him were distinctly visible. Just before it disappeared from view in the woods, which jut out into the bay, I saw large fragments, which were no doubt portions of the barn referred to carried up in the air like bits of paper.

When I first discovered the Waterspout passing near me, the wind fell to almost a dead calm, the heat increased, and very large drops of rain fell, followed by a partial shower.

From the appearance of the sky afterwards, towards the south-east, they must have had a heavy fall of rain in that quarter, while here the weather became clear and cool, with a pleasant breeze. G. W. R.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We have to thank Messrs. Bruce & Murray for a present of very fine grapes, of the *Cassia Musk*, and *Black Hamborough* kinds. We understand the vineries of Messrs. Bruce & Murray have been exceedingly productive this season, and that they have a large number of grapes to dispose of.

☞ The weather yesterday was hot and sultry in the early part of the day, but in the afternoon a slight thunderstorm passed over the city, which cooled the atmosphere, and rendered it pleasanter.

STORM DATE. AUG 18 1862

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CURIOUS PHENOMENA.

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CONTINUATION. BURLINGTON BAY WATERSPOUT.

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The remainder of this account was missing: probably one line. Also the newspaper source: probably the HAMILTON SPECTATOR.