

TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME SUN JUNE 26? 1869 1600 LOCAL
2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
NR BIRR (NW-SE)
3. PATH LENGTH NOT KNOWN <1mi; 1-4mi; 5-10mi; 11-50mi; LENGTH IF >50mi
4. PATH WIDTH 0 1-4mi; 5-10mi; 11-50mi; >50mi
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; 7: THE ROAR AS IT SWEEP ALONG, TEARING AND DEMOLISHING WAS TERRIFIC.
9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.) RAIN FOLLOWED 3" diameter hail in Woodstock
10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$ 0
11. TOTAL DEATHS 0
12. TOTAL INJURED 2
13. TOTAL HOMELESS 0
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
WOODSTOCK TIMES, quoted in DAILY GLOBE, TORONTO, THUR JULY 1, 1869
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) At one time the air was filled with the debris of destroyed buildings, torn-up trees and other missiles, which were sent flying about in every direction to the great danger of anyone whose misfortune it was to be outside of shelter.

(b) A cutter was picked up and carried 3/4 mile. Large stones were blown about on the roads as if they were mere feathers. Houses unroofed, barns blown down, acres of bush levelled.



THE DAILY GLOBE, TORONTO, THURSDAY JULY 1ST, 1869.

STORM DATE, ABOUT 4 P.M., SUN. JUNE 20th 1869.

FRIGHTFUL TORNADO.

IMMENSE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

(FROM THE WOODSTOCK TIMES.)

This story followed the story of the WOODSTOCK HAILSTORM.

The tornado in its course swept over a large portion of the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX. The PROTOTYPE says the TOWNSHIP of LONDON was visited on Sunday by one of the most destructive tornadoes that ever passed over this portion of CANADA. It first exhibited itself on the 13TH CONCESSION, and took a course from the northwest in a southeasterly direction, sweeping almost everything before it. It was truly a rushing, mighty wind, the like of which was never before witnessed or heard by even the oldest inhabitant. Our informant, MR. JAMES YOUNG, of the TOWNSHIP, who was an eye-witness of the scene, describes it as one of the most appalling character. Forests, fences, houses, and everything fell before it; the roar of the wind as it **swept along**, tearing and demolishing everything in its course, was terrific. It visited the neighbourhood about 4 o'clock, and continued its terrible ravages for at least half an hour. At one time the air was filled with the debris of destroyed buildings, torn-up trees, and other missiles, which were sent flying about in every direction to the great danger of any one whose misfortune it was to be outside of shelter. Notwithstanding its fearful effects we have not heard of a single life being lost, although one or two persons are recorded as having been injured. The wind having expended its fury was succeeded by a very heavy fall of rain. In passing over the township it lifted bodily a cutter, belonging to MR. NICHOLSON, of the 14TH CONCESSION, from the ground, and deposited it in WRIGHT'S WOOD, about three quarters of a mile distant. The same gentleman's house was completely unroofed, and his barn blown down and scattered to the winds. Several sheep were lifted from a field where they were grazing, and carried some distance away. Even large stones were blown about on the roads, as if they were mere feathers. The bush of MR. THOMAS TAYLOR, about forty acres in extent, on the same concession, was literally levelled with the ground, reminding one of a field of grain after the sickle had passed over it. The bush of MR. SCOTT, and that of MR. SALES, were nearly as completely demolished. On the 13TH CONCESSION, MR. DICKINSON'S barns and sheds were thoroughly destroyed, and his dwelling-house unroofed. Of course, what we here detail only came under the observation and knowledge of one person.

TOWNSHIP OF LONDON TORNADO, CONT.

In other parts of the township, we fear sad accounts will yet have to be recorded. The SIROCCO then sped onward to the adjoining TOWNSHIP of MISSOURI, where it did incalculable damage, besides seriously injuring a person named MOORE, who was struck by some fallen timbers sent flying about. Here we lost all traces of the devastating element.