

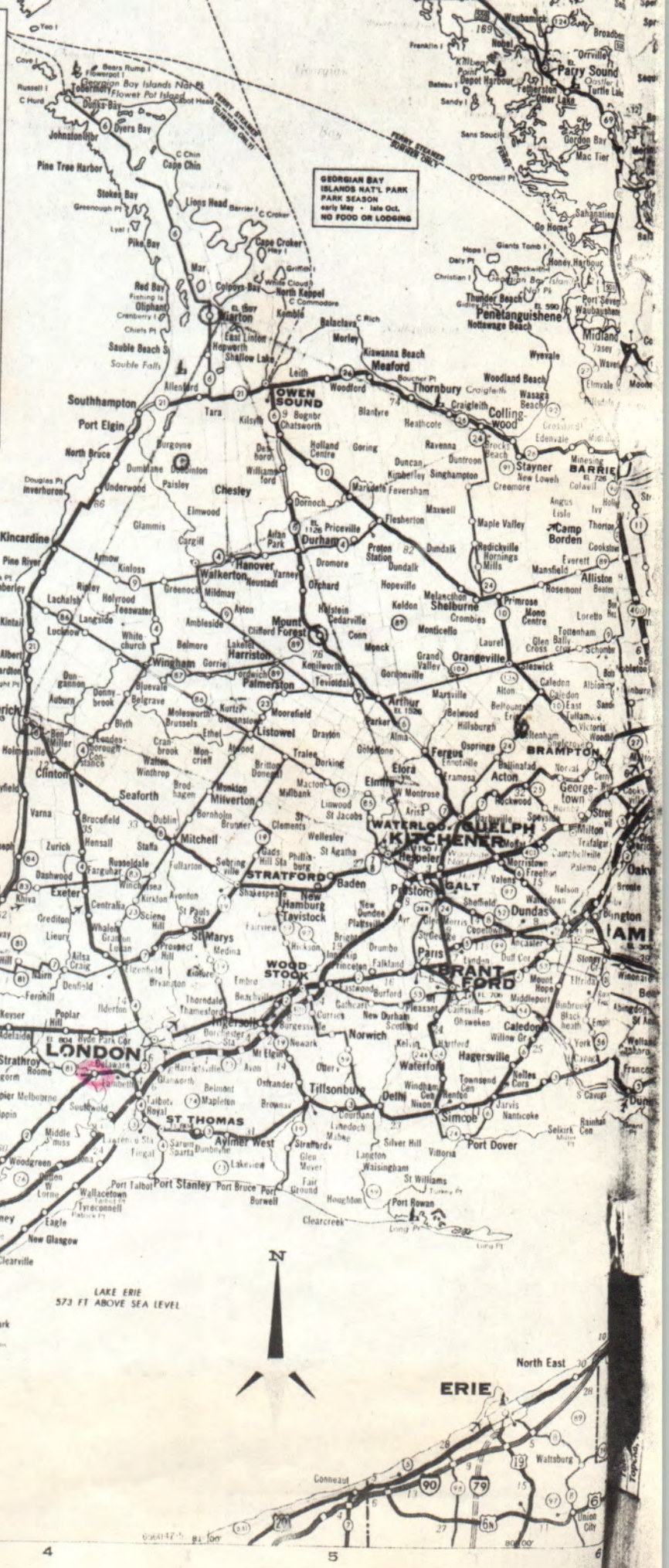
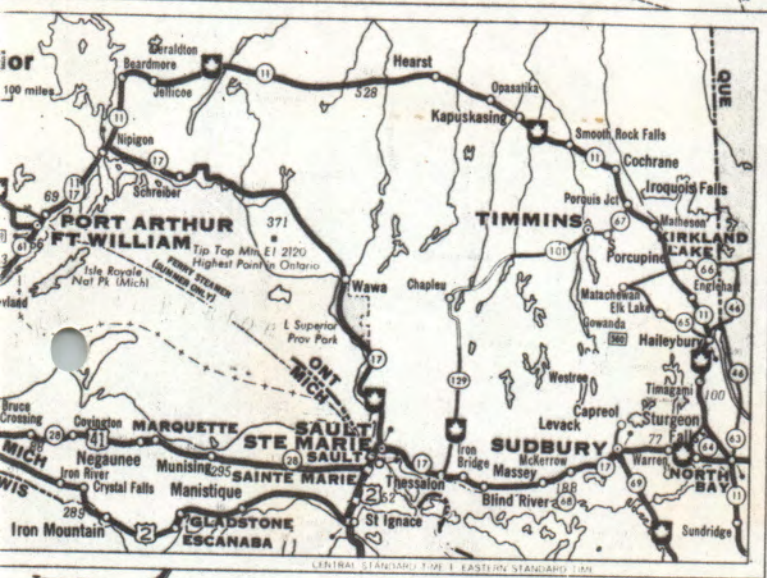
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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 27.5.1903 ② 1600 LOCAL ① 1700 LOCAL
2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) ① VCNTY LISTOWEL TO NORTH OF ELOPA
② SOUTH OF AMHERSTBURG
③ DELAWARE ④ BLACKWELL
3. PATH LENGTH NOT KNOWN <1mi; 1-4mi; 5-10mi; 11-50mi; LENGTH IF >50mi
4. PATH WIDTH ① 30 to 40 rods 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: ① ② HEARD THE TERRIBLE ROAR OF THE STORM
③ ④ BLACK AS MIDNIGHT.
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 ① 2; ② 1 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
BOLTON ENTERPRISE JUNE 12 1903
ST MARY'S JOURNAL, JUNE 4 1903
THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MAY 29 1903
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
- (a) ① JOHN GAMBLE AND HIS WIFE AND SON SAW THE STORM COMING, CARRYING A LOAD OF DEBRIS WHIRLING IN THE AIR. OTHER EYEWITNESSES SAID THE FUNNEL OF THE WHIRLWIND WAS BLACK AS MIDNIGHT.
- (b) ① CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO TREES, LARGE GLMS SNAPPED AND TWISTED LIKE PIPE-STEMS. BARNs COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND A BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE COMPLETELY WRECKED WITH BRICKS AND TIMBER HURLED 1/2 MILE. JOHN GAMBLE AND HIS FAMILY RAN FOR THEIR LIVES BUT WERE CAUGHT UP AND TOSSED ABOUT LIKE FEATHERS. MRS GAMBLE STRUCK BY FLYING TIMBER AND BADLY INJURED. A BUSSY PICKED UP AND RIPPED TO PIECES, SOME BEING FOUND OVER 1 MILE AWAY
- ② TREES SNAPPED OFF, DRIVING AND IMPLEMENT SHEDS IN RUINS, LARGE BARNs COMPLETELY DESTROYED. GEORGE SOULD SWEEP OFF HIS FEET AND THROWN AGAINST A TREE 50 FEET AWAY. THE NEXT INSTANT A LARGE PORTION OF BARN ROOF STRUCK THE TREE BREAKING INTO PIECES WITH MUCH OF THE DEBRIS FALLING ON GEORGE SERIOUSLY INJURING HIM.



CYCLONE VISITS

MORNINGTON.

GLOBE MAY 28 1903 THUR

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FURY OF THE WIND.

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—Storm in Wellington.

Listowel, May 27.—It was impossible to send out any account of the damage done by the whirlwind in the north of Mornington Township last night, as all wires were down in every direction. At 5 o'clock last night, during a severe thunderstorm, the whirlwind swept through a strip about four miles long by from thirty to forty rods wide, literally levelling everything in its path. Fortunately, only one case of serious injury is reported. The storm started at Carson's, on the 7th concession of Mornington, and smashed his silo. It destroyed every tree in Solomon Koepfer's bush, snapping and twisting the large elm trees like pipe-stems. It then demolished Arthur Dowd's large bank barn, leaving not a board standing above the foundations. Dowd's frame house was not in the direct path of the storm, but it was shifted eight feet. Dowd and his sister were inside, but were not seriously hurt. Then the fury of the storm was hurled at the brick school house on the 10th concession, and this building was completely wrecked, and brick and timbers hurled for half a mile distant.

School's Narrow Escape.

Had the storm been an hour earlier, before the children were dismissed, many of them most certainly would have been killed. The janitor, James Hastings, and his little daughter were in the school. They heard the storm coming and rushed to the basement, their place of refuge being the only part of it where they would not have been killed. Levy Watson's bank barn was next in the path, and not a particle of it was left standing, and every tree in the orchard was blown down. The storm then crossed to Ben Johnson's, on the side road, and wrecked part of his house and orchard.

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John Gamble, his wife and son, heard the terrible roar of the storm and saw it coming, carrying a load of debris whirling in the air, and making for their house. They ran for the fields, but only got a few feet away when they were caught and tossed about like feathers. They lay prone on the ground. Mrs. Gamble was struck by a falling piece of timber and her spine was seriously injured, while the son received a nasty scalp wound from the same cause. Mrs. Gamble is well up in years, and, it is feared, will have a hard time of it.

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STORM DATE PM WED MAY 27 1903

CYCLONE'S MOVEMENTS

GLOBE-FRI MAY 29 1903
VISITED LAMBTON AND ESSEX COUNTIES.

Outbuildings and Trees Wrecked at Blackwell—Several Buildings Demolished Near Amherstburg.

(G. N. W. Press Despatch.)

Blackwell, Ont., May 28.—A cyclone passed over this place yesterday afternoon, which destroyed everything in its track. A barn and outbuildings owned by Mr. Fred West were completely destroyed, and the fragments scattered over the adjoining farm. Large trees were broken and upturned, and smooth trees were torn out of the ground. The cyclone passed to the northeast over Lake Huron, where a cloud of water travelled directly underneath the funnel. Mr. West's loss on his buildings will be about \$1,000.

London, Ont., May 28.—(Special.)—The rain of the past two days has been a boon to the parched gardens and lawns in this vicinity, but the accompanying wind and lightning gave the street railway much trouble. The Springbank line was tied up for over five hours yesterday, trees having fallen across the track, tearing down wires and blocking the road. Almost a dozen cars were injured by having motors burned out.

The storm at Delaware was one of the most severe experienced in years. While there was an abundance of rain, with thunder and lightning, the wind blew at a terrific rate, and in many parts of the township tore up large trees and not a few small ones. No barns or houses were damaged. The wind was so high that it was believed the township would have a repetition of the storm of a few years ago, when a strip running diagonally through the township in the vicinity of Lambton was devastated.

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TORNADO IN ESSEX.

GLOBE FRI MAY 29 1903

Several Buildings Demolished Near Amherstburg—Narrow Escapes.

Amherstburg, May 27.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon a tornado passed through the district about half a mile south of here. William Lepain's drive sheds and implement sheds, with their contents, were demolished. A corn crib, containing several hundred bushels of corn, was hurled over and over and scattered along the ground. John Gould's new barn and David Hall's dwelling were both destroyed.

JOHN GOULD AND HIS BROTHER HAD NARROW ESCAPES WITH THEIR LIVES. THE BROTHER WAS CARRIED SEVERAL YARDS BY THE WIND. MRS HALL AND HER CHILDREN RAN OUT INTO THE FIELD AND ESCAPED UNINJURED.

CYCLONE SWEEP, NO LIVES LOST.

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South Essex Swept.
Amherstburg Ont despatch—about
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for a width of about 60 rods, passed
through the district about half a
mile south of here, going in a north-
easterly direction. Wm. Kepner
drive sheds and implement sheds are
a mass of ruins. A corn crib, stand-
ing close by, containing several hun-
dred bushels of corn, was hurled over.
The large new barn of John Gould
and the residence of Mr. David Hall
were also completely destroyed. John
Gould and his brother George ran
from the fields to the barn at the
approach of the storm. John just
stepped into the stable door when
the door was blown off the hinges.

John's brother, his arms were
up, and he carried several rods in
feet and carried several rods and
thrown against a tree. The next
instant a large part of the roof of
the barn struck the tree, breaking
into pieces. A considerable part of
the debris fell on him, seriously
injuring him. As John went in at
the door of the barn the roof was
blown off. The wind caught him
and dropped him into a ditch ten rods
away. John Gould's loss will be about
\$1,100.

Mrs. Hall and her children were in
the house when the storm struck it.
The upper story went instantly. She
caught up her two small children
and fled through the open door to
the open fields, narrowly escaping
with her life.

30 to 40 rods
wide

