

Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693103  
 AUTH - Report Author :  
 TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :a0  
 TITL - Report Title or Location :near Shelburne  
 PROV - Province :Ontario  
 COUN - Counties :Dufferin  
 REFS - References :Orangeville Banner  
 July 23, 1931  
 ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17562030  
 NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4890100  
 LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :775r  
 DADA - Date of Data Entry :29/06/1990  
 ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :  
 NOLO - Liftoff Northing :  
 UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :  
 DEAD - Number of Fatalities :  
 HURT - Number of People Injured :  
 HERT - Injuries Code :  
 DATA - Date of Tornado :18/07/1931  
 DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :  
 TITO - Time of Tornado :1700  
 TIMR - Time Meridian :75  
 TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :45c  
 AXDA - Maximum Path Width :  
 AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :  
 AVDA - Average Damage Width :  
 AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code :  
 SADA - Sample Damage Width :  
 SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code :  
 INTO - Initials :JAM  
 DFTO - Detailed Report Flag :n  
 JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :  
 CODA - Property Damage Code :  
 MISC - ORDE,PICS\_TYPE,PICS\_AVAIL,COCO : 2  
 MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:No reported damage to buildings. Fields of oats and flower garden flattened. Ditches were reported to be filled with water and minnows afterwards - possibly indicating the tornado had picked up both when passing over a stream or pond.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P  
 TSHP - Townships :Melancton

JAM, 29/06/1990

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DATE AND TIME

SAT 18.7.1931

1700 EST

LOCATION OR PATH  
(attach map)

VICINITY SHELBURNE

0931-03

3. PATH LENGTH  NOT KNOWN  <1mi;  1-4mi;  5-10mi;  11-50mi;  LENGTH IF >50mi
4. PATH WIDTH  U 5. TORNAIDO PART OF SMALL 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 \$ U 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE
12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

(a) "The waterspout with its dipping, whirling funnel"

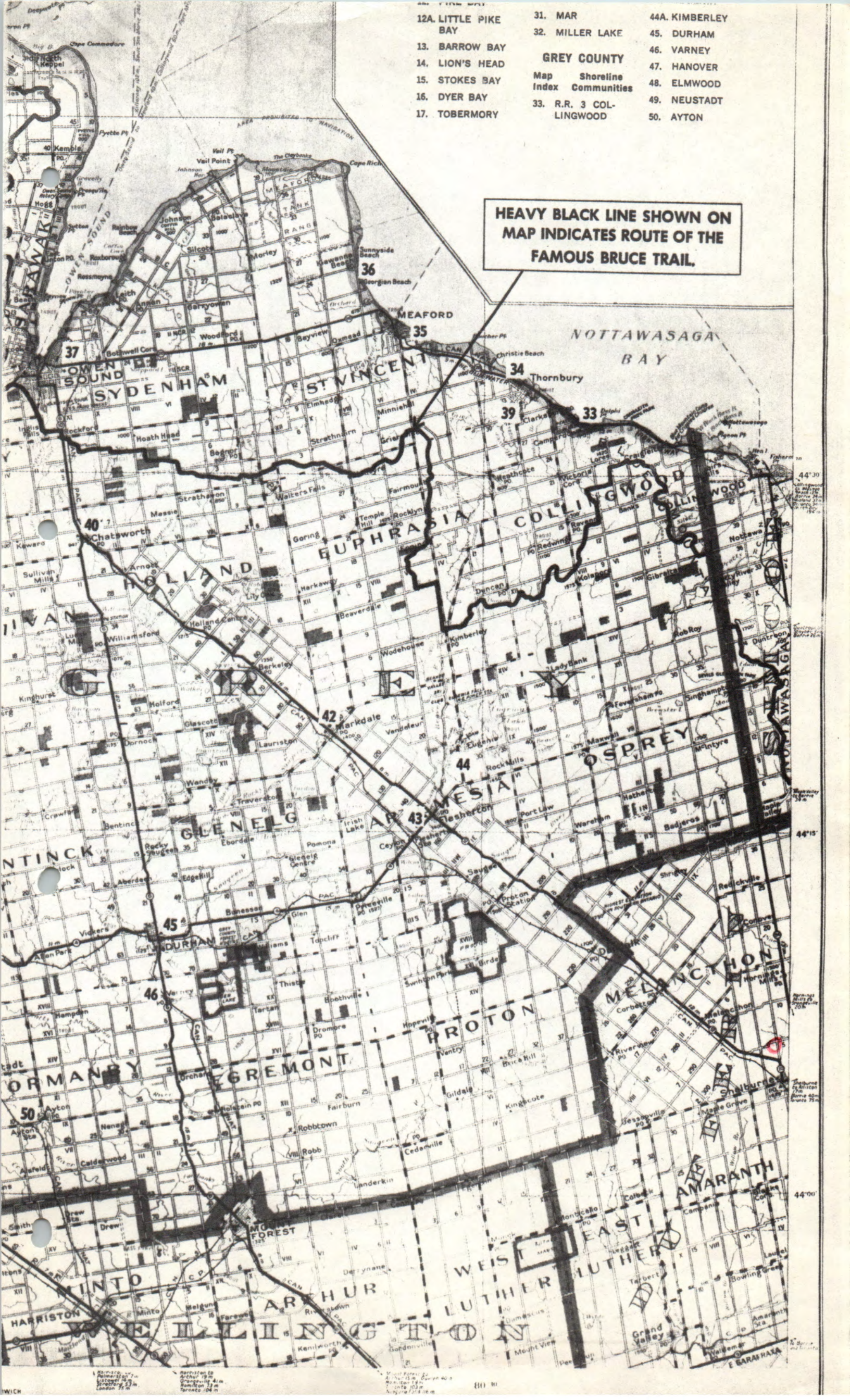
(b) Crops flattened. Decapitated minnows in a formerly dry ditch. Horse killed by lightning.

- 12. LITTLE PIKE BAY
- 13. BARROW BAY
- 14. LION'S HEAD
- 15. STOKES BAY
- 16. DYER BAY
- 17. TOBERMORY

- 31. MAR
- 32. MILLER LAKE
- GREY COUNTY**
- Map Shoreline
- Index Communities
- 33. R.R. 3 COL-LINGWOOD

- 44A. KIMBERLEY
- 45. DURHAM
- 46. VARNEY
- 47. HANOVER
- 48. ELMWOOD
- 49. NEUSTADT
- 50. AYTON

**HEAVY BLACK LINE SHOWN ON MAP INDICATES ROUTE OF THE FAMOUS BRUCE TRAIL.**



This story found by DAVE MCGEE, ORANGEVILLE BANNER reporter.

ORANGEVILLE BANNER. THURSDAY JULY 23RD. 1931.

STORM DATE. SATURDAY JULY 18TH. 1931.

WATERSPOUT FLATTENED CROPS IN MELANCTHON ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Accompanied by a miniature waterspout a freak storm twisted its erratic way six miles north of SHELBURNE, late saturday afternoon. After flattening a field of oats on a farm owned by JOHN SANDERSON JR. as though a giant steam roller had passed over it. The waterspout with its dipping, whirling funnel cut across one corner of the property of JOHN KNOWLES, blotting out a mammoth flower bed as though some prehistoric beast had stepped upon it, and leaving other flower beds and garden-truck almost intact. The deluge from the waterspout filled a formerly dry ditch with water, and there were minnows in it, indicating that the waterspout had come down from GEORGIAN BAY or had sucked up its flood from some nearer stream. Several fields in the more remote vicinity were flooded; one horse and one huge jack rabbit were killed when struck by lightning. Passing on, the storm damaged another farm house when lightning struck the telephone wires, entered the house through the phone box, and set fire to the curtains at the living room windows. The blaze was extinguished with some difficulty. At the height of the storm, at about 5 o'clock saturday afternoon, daylight gave way to gloom so deep that lamps had to be lighted in all the farm houses. Residents described it as the worst storm in the last 10 years.