

# Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:694609
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:b2
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Dutton
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Elgin
REFS - References	:Windsor Star August 10, 1946
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17458800
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4723350
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:600c
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:13/06/1990
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	:09/08/1946
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:2315
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:15c
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	: 25
CODA - Property Damage Code	:
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO	:1 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:n

MEMO:Cut a narrow swath directly through town. Heavy trees uprooted, barns levelled, northeast corner of the Page Garage 'ripped off' (stone building).

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:A99 P
TSHP - Townships	:Dunwich

JAM, 13/06/1990



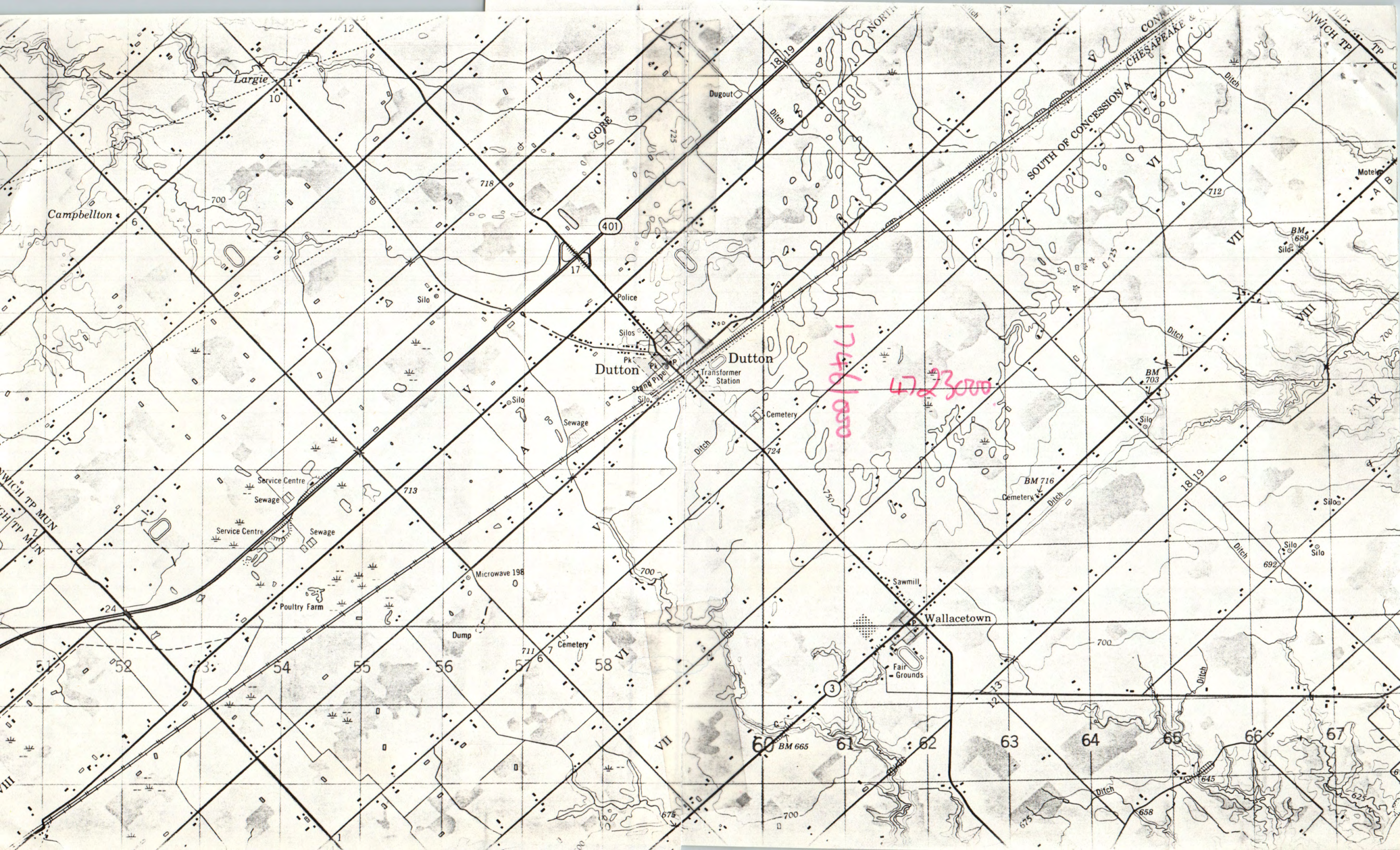
## TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME AUG 9, 1946. 2315 EST
2. LOCATION OR PATH  
(attach map)  
DUTTON
3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF >50mi
4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 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.) HAIL + HEAVY RAIN
10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$ 25000 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE
12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES  
WINDSOR DAILY STAR, AUG 10, 1946
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
- (a) no remarks.
- (b) The storm cut a narrow swath dutchly through the town. Heavy trees uprooted, barns completely leveled, northeast corner of the Page Garage, a store building, was ripped off.







# High Wind Whips Area At Dutton

## Extensive Crop Damage Is Done

From The Star's Chatham Bureau

**DUTTON** — Telephone communication was restored to outside points from this Elgin County village late this morning, after the community isolated since midnight, when a freak squawl blew down Hydro wires, telephone lines and skipped an erratic destructive course through and around the town, began to dig itself out of the debris and take stock of property loss.

### NO LIVES LOST

The tornado-like wind struck the village with sudden violence ripping up trees on one side of the street and depositing them on nearby houses and then swooping across the road to smash in store fronts, leaving areas completely untouched by the violent wind.

No lives were lost nor have any reports been received of injuries received when the unusual storm struck. Property loss will not be high according to Z. E. MacCallum, town clerk, but losses to tobacco and corn crops will prove extensive when a complete check is made. Main damage to field crops was by hail and heavy rains which accompanied the squall.

Vernon Hales, who lost his barn and hay crop said the wind moved in from the west at the height of a violent electrical storm, missed his home which is less than 100 feet from the barn but completely leveled the latter structure and then veered off to the southeast where it appeared to blow itself out over the lake.

### HYDRO MEN BUSY

Mr. MacCallum stated that damage was "luckily confined to Hydro lines and the odd broken window."

He thought that property damage would not be very high.

West Lorne Rural Hydro men were busy clearing lines and poles but stated that it would be three days before the service was back to normal.

Hail that accompanied the wind-storm broke dozens of windows throughout the town and battered down standing crops in nearby fields.

### ROOF RIPPED OFF

William Schultz, formerly of 1527 Felix avenue, Windsor, told The Star that he was in bed when the terrific wind whistled past his house and he heard a crash. Minutes after, he learned that the place where he worked, the Page Garage, had the northeast corner of the stone building rip-

## "I missed the twister in Windsor."

he smiled, "and I missed it here. I guess I was just born lucky." He left Windsor earlier this year.

One of the oddities noticed was a pigeon box housing the pets of Gerry Young, 13, of Mary street, Dutton. The tree in which they were kept was ripped apart and the box they were nesting in torn to shreds, yet the birds were alive and unharmed when their young master climbed the tree to get them this morning.

The clerk set the time of the high wind at 12 midnight, the time his electric clock stopped and the wind brushed past his house getting two trees near his driveway.

### NARROW SWATH

A gasoline and service station owned by Miller Page was completely destroyed but structures on either side didn't lose a shingle.

The storm cut a narrow swath directly through the town and wreckage of buildings and uprooted trees were visible for a half-mile on either side of the village.

Heavy trees crashed across homes owned by Roy Fraser and Arnold Crawford, just north of the village, while the families were sleeping. Fortunately the whirling trunks missed bedrooms of the houses, and the startled residents able to escape unharmed.

Department of highway gangs are busy clearing the roads leading to the village and Hydro workers from nearby West Lorne are stringing new lines and replacing shattered poles. Officials say they hope to have Hydro service restored late tonight or early Sunday.

### LIVESTOCK ESCAPE

Farmers in the area say heavy timbers from wrecked barns narrowly missed striking livestock. There have been no reports of stock loss and rural residents are more concerned with their flattened corn and tobacco fields than with material damage to property which is covered largely by insurance.

Skies over Dutton are still overcast today with indications of further rain and stormy weather.

Most of the town's residents were in bed when the storm struck and many knew nothing about the damage until this morning.

One farmer, Mr. Hales, stated his livestock became restless a short time before the wind struck and a sow and litter of pigs ran from the barn to a nearby chicken coop minutes before their barn home was blown to bits.

No official estimate of crop and property damage was available today but an approximate estimate places it at not less than \$25,000.

### LOSS TO CROPS

The greatest loss will be in farm crops, witnesses stated today.

Peter McIntyre, a farmer living on the outskirts of this town, stated that his entire crop had been completely beaten down by the driving rain and hail. He said that the tall corn stalks were beaten into the ground as if someone had taken a heavy roller and crushed the crop into the earth.

Similar reports of crop loss are coming in from other farmers within the scope of the tornado, while others even within two miles of Dutton report little loss from the storm, although the fields were submerged by the heavy rains.

## AT ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas, ten miles east of Dutton, reported a heavy rain but little wind. There was considerable electrical disturbance during the downpour.

As far as could be determined none of the villagers was injured. Power and telephone lines also were severely damaged. Between 30 and 40 poles were down in one section, and telephone lines were down from the village half way to Wallacetown.

The storm struck without warning at 12.15, and lasted only five minutes.

One villager describing the squawl said: "It took a swath right through town."

When first reports of the crippled village began seeping through, repair crews were already on the way from outside points to assist local crews in restoring communication services.

## AT SARNIA

**SARNIA**—During the intense electrical storm here last night the city was plunged into darkness when Hydro lines on Christina street were torn down. Service was restored before midnight.

There was no break in the rural service and early today the office of the agricultural representative in Petrolia reported that there had been no reports of crop damage brought to his attention.

## AT LONDON

**LONDON, Ont.** — Eight-year-old William Scott of 1267 Richmond street, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital early this morning suffering from slight burns received when the family home was struck by lightning.

Provincial police report that the young boy was sleeping when lightning came in on a steel clothes line attached to the outside wall of the bedroom. The lightning ripped through the wall and struck the sleeping child. An ambulance was called and the lad was taken to the hospital where his condition is reported very favorable.

## IN OTTAWA

**OTTAWA**—A sharp electric storm struck the capital area last night, setting fire to at least four buildings and rendering 20 people homeless.

Howard McGregor, his family of four and a roomer, made their escape after a bolt of lightning struck the house, at 34 Bayview road, setting fire to the roof and eventually burning the adjacent home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lesard, which housed eight others.

The sharp electrical storm that centered around the Windsor area last night was accompanied by very spotty rain. No damage was reported.

The Detroit weather bureau said that 1-800 of an inch of rain fell, but the white horse show was "rained out" at the Windsor Speedway, on Tecumseh road. In Amherstburg no rain was reported and throughout the city conflicting stories indicate that the rain was not general.