

TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME JULY 7.7.1968 1330 EST

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) NEAR CHARLTON 06968-22

3. PATH LENGTH ☒ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF >50mi

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 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 HAIL LARGER THAN GOLF BALLS  
(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 TEMISKAMING SPEAKER, NEW LISKEARD JULY 11 1968  
KIRKLAND LAKE NORTHERN DAILY NEWS, JULY 9 1968,  
JULY 8 1968  
Telephone Interviews OCT 29, 1980 by P. J. Elms

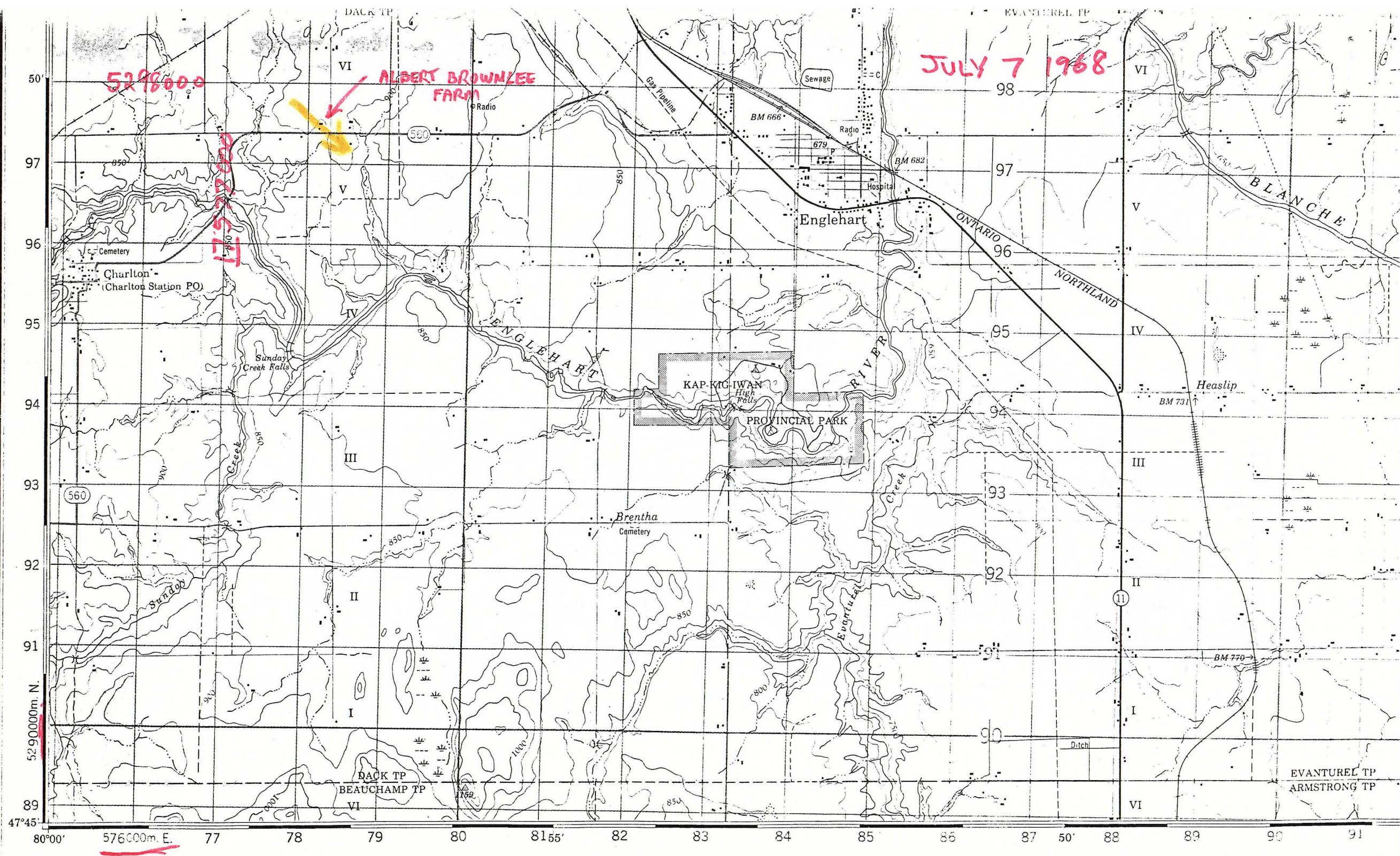
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) NO REMARKS BUT DESCRIBED AS A TWISTER BY AN EYEWITNESS.

(b) BARN DESTROYED, TREES UPROOTED, ROOF TAKEN OFF  
HOUSES. A HEAVY FARM WAGON LOADED WITH BALES OF HAY WAS PICKED UP AND MOVED 30 YARDS.

The major damage occurred on the one farm of Albert Brownlee and appeared to be very local. There was, however, other damage in the surrounding district. Trees uprooted at Crystal Lake; a large archway, erected in WW II, was uprooted in Englehart.











SUN JULY 7 1968



**HIGH WINDS** tore down trees at tourist parking sites in the Kirkland Lake area Sunday as picnickers scattered for shelter. This was one of three

trees brought down in the Gull Lake picnic spot on Highway 66 just east of Kirkland. Other trees fell at Crystal Beach where one motor-

ist drove his car to safety seconds before a falling tree crashed on its previous parking spot.

(Staff Photo)

# Roof Torn Off, Trees Downed As High Winds Lash District

Two freak thunderstorms accompanied by cloudbursts hit Teck Township Sunday causing power blackouts and uprooting trees. Lines of washing were ripped down.

The storms, both lasting less than 30 minutes each, came after a hot sunny morning and many were taken by surprise by their swift approach. Motorists had to pull off the roads as visibility was cut to a few feet by the downpour.

The department of transport weather station at Earleton Airport reported today that the area south of Teck Township missed the brunt of the storms with only .46 of an inch of rainfall recorded over the 24 hour period ending Sunday midnight at Earleton. The highest wind gust over the same period was 22 m.p.h.

The Swastika district of the lands and forests department reported .60 of an inch of rainfall Sunday but were not aware of any damage caused in the area.

What was described as "a twister" ripped the roof off a house, demolished a large barn and destroyed a clump of spruce trees near Charlton.

Lloyd Widdifield of Charlton said the "twister" came at the height of a thunderstorm and flattened the barn, belonging to Bert Brownlee, on the outskirts of Charlton. Then it hit spruce trees, ripping them from the ground and finally lifted the roof off the home of Roy Knight.

Members of Mr. Knight's family escaped without injury.

Visitors to area lakes, especially those out in boats, made a quick dash for cover as the wind whipped the waters to a frenzy. At the drive-in picnic area off Highway 66 beside Gull Lake, three trees were blown down at the height of the storm and at Crystal Beach a number of trees were also uprooted. One tree at Crystal crashed down on a spot from which a car had been moved only seconds earlier.

Stan Lynch, assistant manager of the Kirkland Lake Ontario Hydro department, said today Hydro workers had to deal with a number of power blackouts in the area caused by lightning or tree branches hitting power lines. He added: "They were of a minor nature and in all cases power was restored within a matter of minutes."

Kirkland Lake gardens took a beating from the rain and wind and today gardeners were bemoaning the fact that their flowers were bared and beaten.

On McCamus Avenue a full line of washing was ripped away by a gust of wind and storm-watchers on a nearby apartment balcony watched the washing disappear in the distance.

On Government Road East a large tree was uprooted beside the Jewish synagogue. An eyewitness, Mrs. Emile Beaudry of 43A Government Road East, said the tree did not cause any damage but if it had fallen in the opposite direction it would have smashed into an apartment building and perhaps have caused injury.

Despite the respite which Teck Township is enjoying today the weatherman calls for more storms yet to come. The official forecast issued by the Earleton weather station says showers or thundershowers are expected to move into the area later today or overnight. Today's high temperature is expected to reach 80 degrees, but it will be muggy.

*This is an error, there was no damage here, according to Mrs Knight and Mrs Brownlee.*  
*B. Glen*

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Phone conversation with Mr<sup>s</sup> Albert Brownlee  
(705) 544-2579. regarding storm damage of July 7  
1968, by P. Stens. Oct 29/80.

Mr<sup>s</sup> Brownlee said that there was no  
damage at the Roy Knight farm, and  
that the newspaper was wrong in saying that  
the roof had been taken off the Knight house.

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## Freak Storm

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About 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon Englehart was struck by a storm of short duration but one of the most severe in recent years.

Hailstones, the size of moth balls covered streets and lawns as gale force winds flattened gardens, brought down trees and spread lawn furniture far and wide.

A large Archway in front of the Community Centre grounds, a town land mark, dating from the Second World War was uprooted and totally destroyed.

Hydro service was disrupted and power lines downed to several homes and along lines, and other damage.



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### SOUVENIRS OF STORM

Peak storms experienced by Northern Ontario over the weekend caused damage in a number of localities. In Englehart, strong winds were responsible for a number of windows being cracked and signs blown down. With the

wind came a shower of "giant" hailstones which flattened the prize blooms of many town gardens. So unusual was the storm that Janice Hall, aged 16, a grade 12 student at the Englehart High School, decided to keep a

souvenir. She collected a handful of the hailstones which she is now keeping in a freezer. "I have never seen hailstones so large. I would hate to have been hit over the head with them," she said.

(Staff Photo)