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## TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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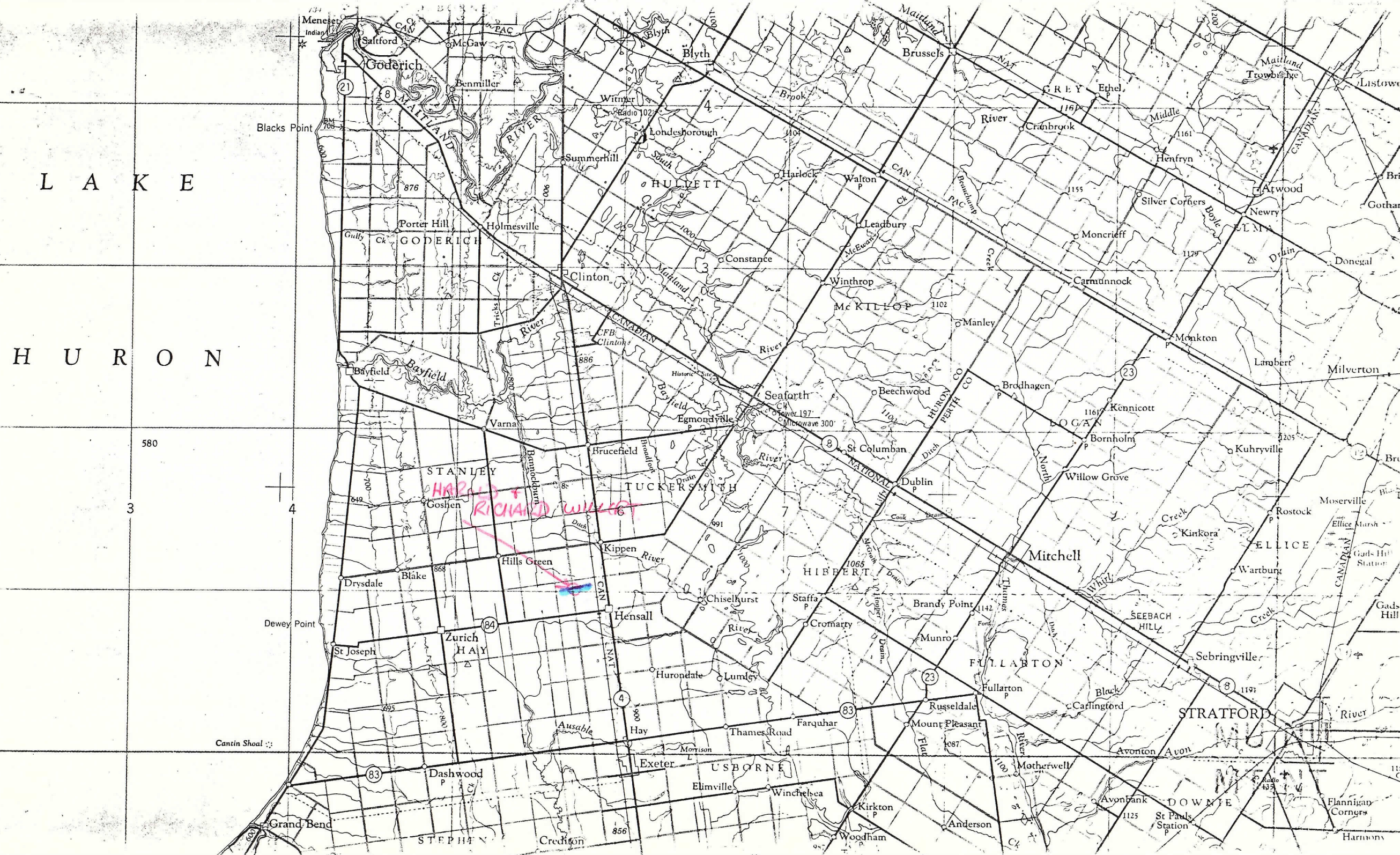
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| 1.  | DATE AND TIME   |  | OCT 13, 1973  | late evening       |
| 2.  | LOCATION OR PATH<br>(attach map)  |  | VCNTY HENSALL |                    |
| 3.  | PATH LENGTH   |  | 06 97309      |                    |
| 4.  | PATH WIDTH  |  |               |                    |
| 5.  | TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE?  |  |               |                    |
| 6.  | ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION?   |  |               |                    |
| 7.  | ANY UNUSUAL SOUND?  |  |               |                    |
| 8.  | IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;   |  |               |                    |
| 9.  | LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA<br>(Such as hail, vivid lightning<br>heavy rain, no rain, etc.) |  |               |                    |
| 10. | TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE   |  | \$ THOUSANDS  | 11. TOTAL DEATHS   |
| 12. | TOTAL INJURED   |  | NONK          | 13. TOTAL HOMELESS |
| 14. | LIST ALL REFERENCES   |  |               |                    |
| 15. | SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL ; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS<br>EVENTS.         |  |               |                    |

(a) no remarks

(b) Besides the damage mentioned in the paper,  
Mrs Richard Willert (519) 262-5086 (S 1/2 lot 24 Conc 3  
Hay Tp) said that the house across the road to  
the east was shifted off its foundation.







# Twisters tear through area

OCT 15 1973

A series of twisters that struck the Seaforth-Bayfield area Saturday night uprooted trees, took out power lines and flipped a \$12,000 house trailer end over end.

The twisters hit Bayfield first about 10 p.m.

Mrs. Logan Cleave, of Bayfield, said she went outdoors to investigate when she heard the roar of the wind.

"The sky was jet black above," she said.

"There were points coming down from the sky like funnels to the east."

Mrs. Cleave said she went back indoors because the wind was so strong. It was bending trees, she said. Hydro then went off for two hours.

Only two hours earlier, Mrs. Cleave said, there was a clear sunset, with lightning over the lake on the horizon.

In Goderich, about 12 miles south of Bayfield, the weather office recorded a maximum wind velocity of 51 m.p.h.

The Village Market in Bay-

field received major damage from the storm.

Keith Bunn, owner of the store, said a tree limb broke during the storm and crashed onto its roof. Besides damaging the roof, the limb buckled the wall beneath it. Insurance adjusters will review the damage today, Mr. Bunn said.

Homes in Bayfield were without power for about three hours, and telephone service was cut off for several hours.

The twister then skipped south about 10 miles to the Hensall area where it hit the Hay Township farm of Harold Willert, RR 4 Hensall, just north of the village.

A house trailer that was to have housed Mr. Willert's son, Richard, next month after his marriage, was completely demolished.

The wind apparently picked the trailer up and flipped it end over end. The trailer, and its contents, new furniture, were valued at \$12,000.

In the town of Hensall, hydro was out for about an hour and the fire department was called out to take tree limbs off hydro lines.

The drive-in theatre screen in Hensall was blown over, but no damage reports were available this morning.

When it left Hensall, the twister touched down again north of Seaforth in McKillop Township.

About 6½ miles east of Seaforth, on the farm of Harold Pryce, RR 1 Seaforth, wind tore the steel roof off the barn, and hurled a piece of the steel a half a mile through the window of the house trailer owned by Mr. Pryce's son Brian. No one was hurt.

Throughout McKillop, trees were uprooted and hydro lines were down, blacking out parts of the township for 12 hours. Works department crews cleared trees from county roads with road graders.

Constable Ray Primeau, of the Seaforth detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, said fully mature trees were completely uprooted, and some were snapped off a few feet from the ground by the wind.

Before blowing itself out in the Brussels area, the storm hit the Jan Van Vliet, Jr. farm at RR 2 Brussels.

There, the wind tore the steel roof off one side of the barn, and took out rafters. Damage was estimated at up to \$5,000 by Mr. Van Vliet. About 250 pigs in the barn were not hurt.

No further damage from the tornado-like winds were reported from the area.

*no such thing in Hensall according to Mrs. Willert.*