***Date* :** Friday, July 9, 1926

***Time* :** 5:00PM

***Location* :** Watford, Lambton County to Strathroy, Middlesex County

***F-Rating* :** F3 ‘A’

***Track Length* :** UTM = 17.05km (10.59mi) Note: UTM coordinates seem somewhat off. Crosscheck with references.

***Max Width* :** 20 rods (100m) / (328ft)

***Direction* :** UTM = 257° (WSW-ENE)

***Shape* :** “those not in its direct path saw a huge black funnel-shaped cloud.”

***Injuries* :** 4

***Deaths* :** 0 (several pigs, 60 or 70 hens)

***Damage Cost* :** “Whole orchards torn out by the roots, over a dozen barns torn to pieces and several houses very badly damaged. One house lifted completely off the ground and smashed to kindling, the ruins crashing down around its 7 occupants, three of whom were hurt. In Strathroy, the historic old hotel at Katesville was completely wrecked. A 15yr old boy injured in the collapse of a barn.”

***Notes* :** Very strong tornado witnessed by area residents. Described as a huge black funnel cloud with roaring sound. Building debris was “scattered for miles”. Some injuries when tornado struck occupied buildings.

***Photos/Videos* :**