***Date* :** Friday, July 18, 1952

***Time* :** 5:30PM EST

***Location* :** Puslinch to Just west of Freelton, Wellington County

***F-Rating* :** F1 ‘A’

***Track Length* :** UTM = 20.02km (12.44mi) / TPSS = 15mi

***Max Width* :** ~200m (660ft) “as wide as a 10 acre field”

(10 acre = 435,600ft2, √435,600 = 660ft)

***Direction* :** 273° (W-E)

***Shape* :** Black funnel, debris filled at times

***Injuries* :** 0

***Deaths* :** 0

***Damage Cost* :** “$Tens of thousands”, “Barns demolished and debris scattered into trees and across fields. A car tossed 50 feet. Trees uprooted. Clothing sucked out of houses. A concrete block building under construction collapsed and the framework twisted in Oakville.

***Notes* :** According to map coordinates, tornado touched down on Puslinch Lake and tracked east for 20km before dissipating just to the west of Highway 6 in Freelton. A witness said it had “the sound of a train passing over a trestle bridge” as it passed. Another, (or possibly same witness) saw the black funnel from her kitchen window bearing down on her. She said it had trees whirling in it.

A letter to the weather office from a Mrs. Martin Paddock, was photocopied and is partially illegible but seems to contain good information.

***Photos/Videos* :** None in EC file. Check listed references for images.

Research Information:

Guelph Mercury – July 19, 1952

[www.clarksoftomfad.ca/TornadoinCrieff.htm](http://www.clarksoftomfad.ca/TornadoinCrieff.htm) (as seen at WCA)