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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME OCT 13, 1973 late evening

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
VENTY HENSALL
0697309

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.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ THOUSANDS 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS U

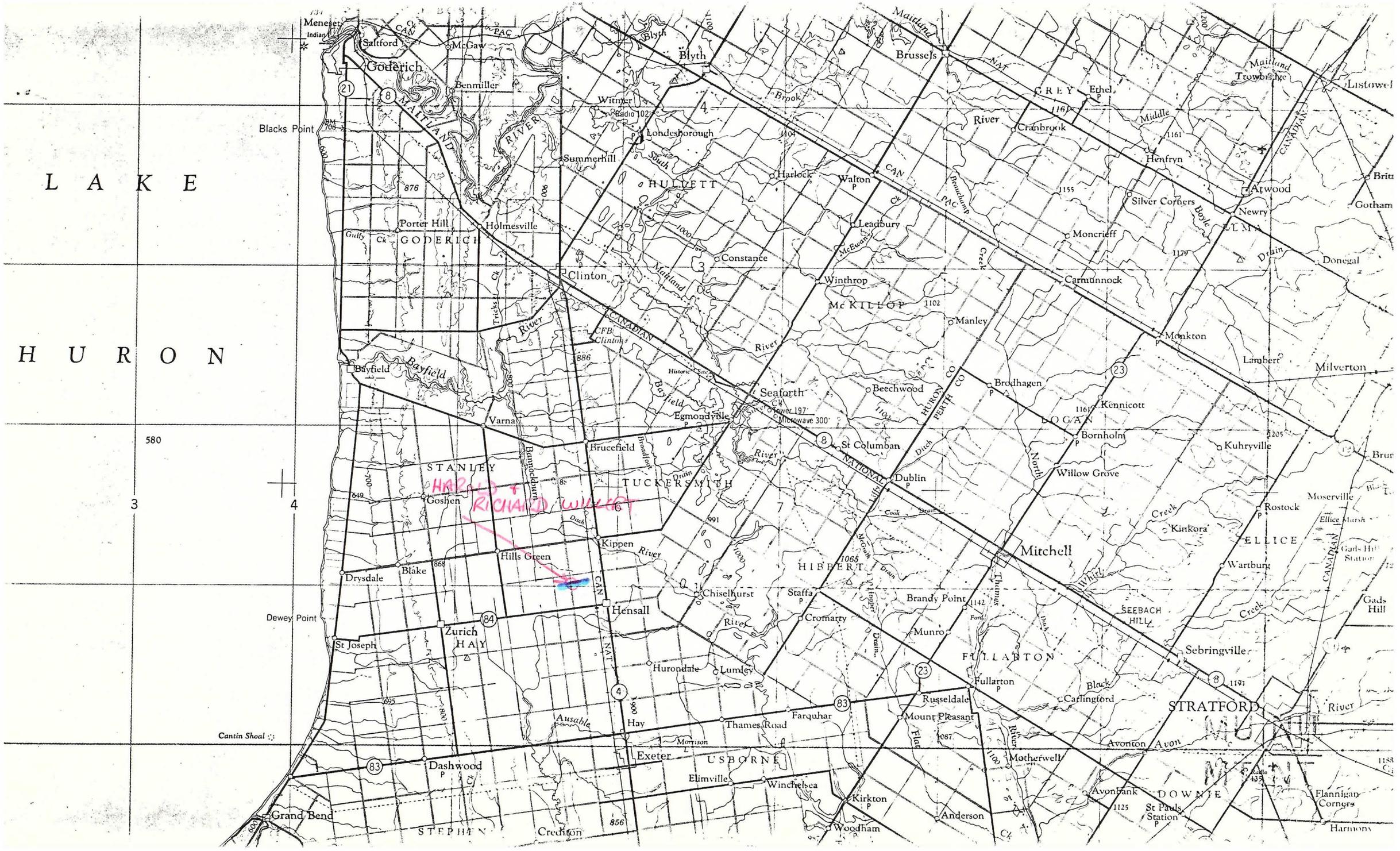
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

(a) no remarks

(b) Besides the damage mentioned in the paper, Mrs Richard Willert (519) 262-5086 (S½ lot 24 conc 3 Hay Tp) said that the house across the road to the east was shifted off its foundation.


LAKE
HURON
Menesetung Indian
Saltford
McGaw
Goderich
Benmiller
Blacks Point
Witmer
Londesborough
Summerhill
Blyth
Brussels
Maitland
Trowbridge
Listowel
Ethel
Cranbrook
Henfryn
Atwood
Silver Corners
Newry
Gotham
Donegal
Moncrieff
Carmunnock
Winthrop
Leadbury
Constance
Clinton
Harlock
Walton
Porter Hill
Holmesville
Manley
Monkton
Lambert
Milverton
Brodhagen
Beechwood
Seaforth
Egmondville
Varna
Bayfield
Brucefield
Kennicott
Bornholm
Kuhryville
Willow Grove
Dublin
St Columban
Goshen
Kippen
Hills Green
Drysdale
Blake
Hensall
Chiselhurst
Staffa
Cromarty
Brandy Point
Munro
Mitchell
Rostock
Moserville
Kinkora
Wartburg
Sebringville
Zurich
HAY
St Joseph
Dewey Point
Hurondale
Lumley
Hay
Thames Road
Farquhar
Russeldale
Mount Pleasant
Fullarton
Carlingford
Motherwell
Avonton
Avon
STRATFORD
Avonbank
St Pauls Station
Anderson
Kirkton
Woodham
Elimville
Winchelsea
Exeter
Dashwood
Grand Bend
Crediton
Cantin Shoal
MAITLAND RIVER
HULLETT
GODERICH
STANLEY
TUCKERSMITH
HIBBERT
McKILLOP
LOGAN
ELLICE
FULLARTON
SEEBACH HILL
DOWNIE
USBORNE
HAY
STEPHEN
HURON CO
PERTH CO
CANADIAN NATIONAL
CANADIAN PACIFIC
CFB Clinton
Historic Site
Tower 197'
Microwave 300'
Radio 1025
Radio 435
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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 Bayfield 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.