Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:693917
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:b2
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Middlemarch
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:Elgin
REFS - References	:GM September 18, 1939
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17477650
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4733075
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:500o
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:22/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting	:17484400
NOLO - Liftoff Northing	:4734000
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code	:250o
DEAD - Number of Fatalities	:
HURT - Number of People Injured	:
HERT - Injuries Code	:
DATA - Date of Tornado	:16/09/1939
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:2300
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:35s
AXDA - Maximum Path Width	:
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code	:
AVDA - Average Damage Width	:
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code	:
SADA - Sample Damage Width	:
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code	:
INTO - Initials	:JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag	:n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :	
CODA - Property Damage Code	:
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO	: 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:n

MEMO:Barn destroyed, picnic shelter destroyed, trees and utility poles blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:
TSHP - Townships	:Southwold/Yarmouth

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"GALE"NEAR ST.THOMAS,ONTARIO.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL,TORONTO,MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH.1939.

STORM DATE."SAT.NIGHT"SEPT.16TH.1939.

DEATH BRUSHES FOUR AS GALE SWEEPS ELGIN..TWO LEAP FROM STABLE AS BARN FALLS;ANOTHER DODGES AS TREE FALLS..TEAM IS TRAPPED.

ST.THOMAS,SEPT.17.(Special).Four men narrowly escaped death during the height of a hurricane which accompanied a fierce electrical storm over ELGIN COUNTY Saturday night.

ROSS TUFFORD and his son,GORDON,missed death by seconds when they leaped out of the horse stable under their big barn when the latter structure collapsed.Just as they reached safety the west wall of the concrete foundation fell in.

DON.BURDEN,farm hand,was driving a team of horses out of the laneway of the FRANK JOINER farm,south of MIDDLEMARCH,when a big elm tree was uprooted by the storm.One of the horses was knocked down by a heavy tree limb,but was not seriously hurt.Branches had to be cut away to release BURDEN and the horses.

Watching the storm through a window in his home,FRANK JOINER ducked as a large branch crashed through the roof directly above his head.Another branch smashed the window through which he was looking.

The big barn destroyed by the hurricane contained hay and unthreshed grain.A horse and a number of swine were killed.

A large team which had been just put in the stable went down on the floor as the top of the barn fell in around them.

In a few minutes a score of men had arrived from the surrounding farms.A long rope was run through the barn door and hooked about the traces of the still harnessed team.The men pulled the prostrate team from their mangers one by one.This morning TUFFORD remembered a calf. He scrambled under the wreckage and brought it out alive.

Trees were felled in PINAFORE PARK on the southwest outskirts of the city,and three large Hydro power poles were broken.

The barn on the farm of DAVE LYLE had one end ripped off by the wind.An implement shed on the adjoining GEORGE MONTEITH farm was blown away,leaving the implements exposed on the floor.Signal poles on the PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY and MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY were blown down. The MIDDLEMARCH and PINAFORE PARK districts suffered heaviest damage. The wind tore across to the RIVER ROAD,missing many buildings by narrow margins but felling trees by the dozen.A large picnic shed in PINAFORE PARK was flattened.

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