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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME ABOUT 2AM SUN AUG 17 1969

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) 9TH CONCESSION THURLOW TOWNSHIP. ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH OF ROSLIN ON HIGHWAY 37

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3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☑ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH 50' 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; (7) MRS SILLS:- "THE NOISE GOT LOUDER AND LOUDER LIKE AN APPROACHING FREIGHT TRAIN"

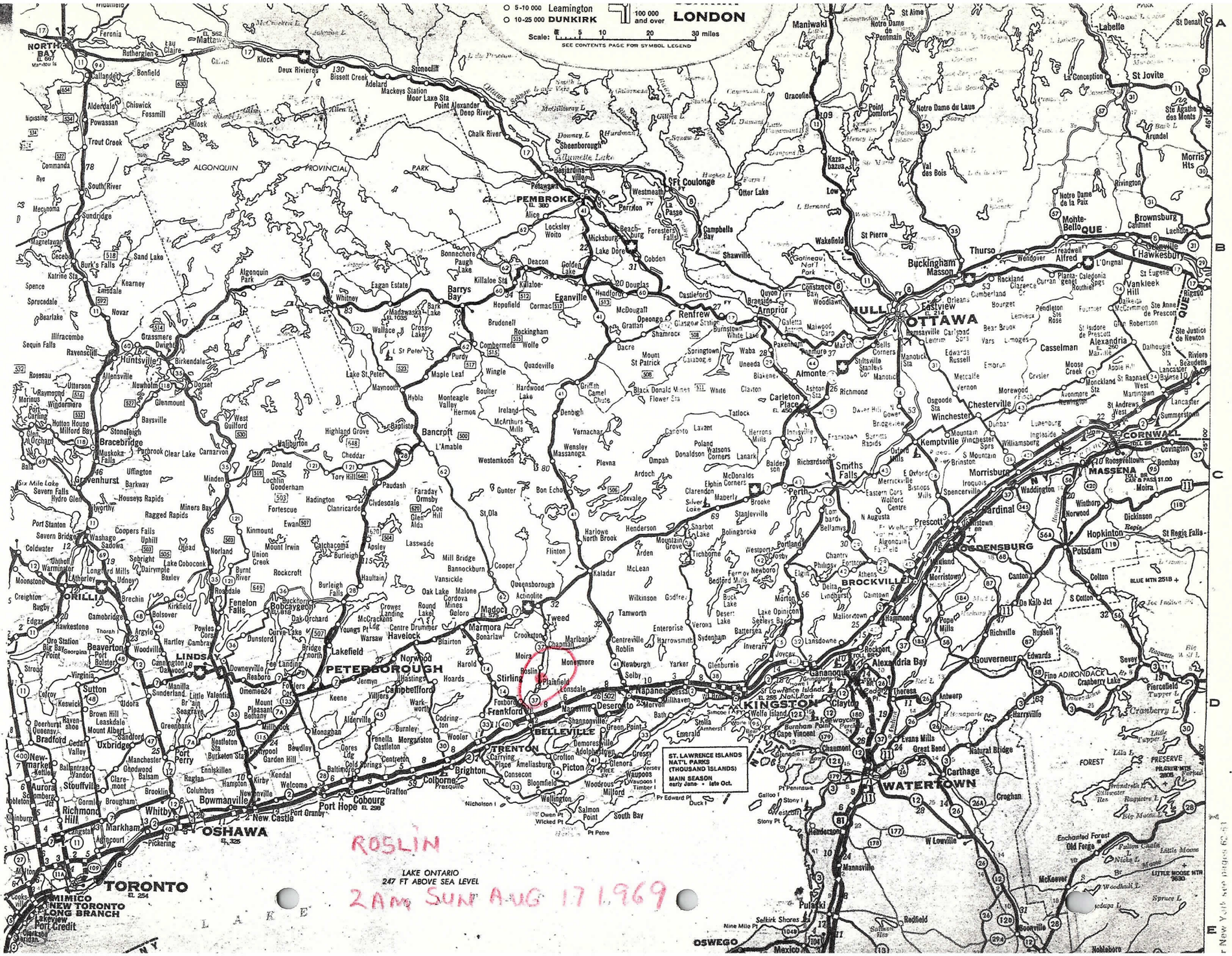
9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning, heavy rain, no rain, etc.)
ONLY WIND MENTIONED.

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

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES MADOC NORTH HASTINGS REVIEW AUG 21 1969
TWEED NEWS. AUG 20 1969.
Telephone Interview NOV 17, 1980 by P. J. Elms.

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
OCCURRED AT NIGHT - NO FUNNEL OBSERVED
TORNADO MISSED HOUSE BY ONLY A FEW FEET, BUT CARRIED AWAY A HEN HOUSE, DRIVESHED, THE ROOF OF THE SILO AND HEAVILY DAMAGED THE BARN.
THE SILO ROOF WAS CARRIED ACROSS SEVERAL FIELDS AND DUMPED IN A GRAINFIELD ALMOST ½ MILE AWAY
A ½ TON PLOW WAS THROWN 30 FEET. A FIELD CULTIVATOR PARKED WITHIN FEET OF THE PLOW WAS UNTOUCHED
A MAPLE TREE WAS RIPPED OUT AND TOSSED ACROSS THE ROAD
HALF THE STEEL SHINGLES WERE RIPPED OFF THE BARN AND THE BARN FRAME WAS SHIFTED ON ITS FOUNDATION
SEVERAL TREES ALONG THE ROAD AND IN A NEARBY FIELD WERE EITHER UPROOTED OR HAD LIMBS RIPPED OFF.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OSHAWA
TORONTO
WATERTOWN
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CORNWALL
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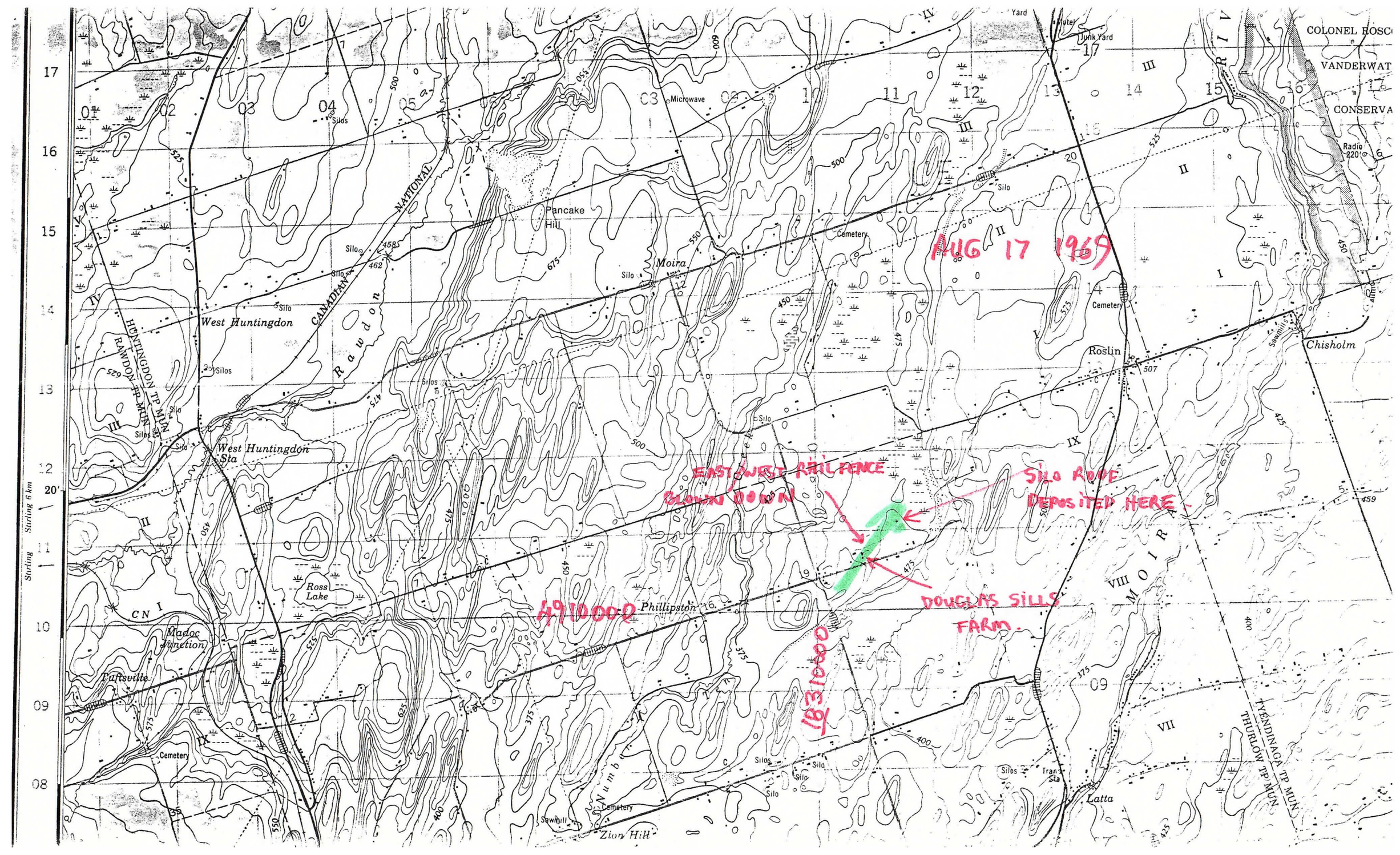
LAKE ONTARIO
247 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL
ROSLIN
2AM SUN AUG 17 1969


AUG 17 1969
EAST-WEST RAIL FENCE
BLOWN DOWN
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DEPOSITED HERE
DOUGLAS SILLS
FARM.
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VANDERWAT
CONSERVA
Pancake Hill
Moira
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Roslin
Chisholm
Phillipston
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Madoc Junction
Tuftsville
Zion Hill
Latta
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MOIRA
TYENDINAGA TP MUN
THURLOW TP MUN
Stirling
Stirling 6 km

Phone conversation with Mrs Douglas Sills.
(613) 477-2499. by P. Elms. Nov 17/89 in
regard to a tornado of Aug 17 1969.

In addition to damage mentioned
in the newspaper clippings, a rail fence,
running west/East, north of the barn
was blown down.

Mrs Sills said the tornado took
a northeast path.

The silo roof was deposited to the north
of the farm to the east of the Sills'
property. (Slat Silo).

The ladder was found in a cornfield
to the northeast. The ladder was
undamaged, and the corn was not
flattened.

(ABOUT 2AM) SUN AUG 17 1969

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Madoc North Hastings Review
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Circ. 962
August 21, 1969

FREAK TWISTER HITS FARM

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It was only late last week that Mrs. Douglas Sills, ninth concession, Thurlow Township, noted how lucky was the Quinte area — unplagued by hurricanes and tornadoes.

But today she is not quite so sure.

Sunday about 2:00 a.m., a freak twister cut a 50-foot swath across the Sills' farm, missing their house by only feet, but carrying away a hen-house, driveshed, the roof of their silo, and heavily damaging their barn.

The roof of the silo was carried across several fields and dumped in a neighbour's grainfield almost half a mile away.

A tractor plow weighing easily a half ton was thrown 30 feet, and an extension ladder was picked up off the barnyard and deposited in the yard in a cornfield 80 rods away.

A neighbour's new field cultivator cultivator parked within feet of the Sills' plow, was untouched.

Two big maple trees near the Sills house were ripped out by the twister and tossed across the road, completely blocking traffic. A section of the Sills spruce windbreak was also ripped out.

Mrs. Sills gave credit to the windbreak for saving the family residence.

"If it hadn't been for the windbreak I am sure the house would have been damaged", she said.

Mrs. Sills was the only one of the family to hear all of the twister's attack.

She said she was awakened by the noise of the wind and got up to shut a window.

"The noise got louder and louder — just like an approaching freight train".

She heard the twister smash the roadside trees and the windbreak, then sweep across the barnyard.

The noise of the twister lasted only two minutes — then there was complete silence.

The twister startled Mr. Sills and the four children out of their sleep, but none of the neighbours heard the storm.

Half the steel shingles were ripped off the Sills' barn and the barn frame was shifted on its foundation.

Neighbours and township road personnel are assisting in cleaning up the damage, while carpenters are at work repairing the barn.

DOUGLAS SILLS (613) 477-2499.

Tweed News, Ontario
Circ. 2,567
August 20, 1969

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SUN AUG 17 1969

TWISTER HITS ROSLIN AREA

1055

Buildings on the farm of Douglas Sills, about four miles south of Roslin, were heavily damaged by a twister that struck the district early Sunday morning, August 17th, leaving in its wake damages amounting to several thousands of dollars.

By good fortune, the twister missed the farm home, but it destroyed the henhouse, driveshed, and milkhouse, tore the roof from the silo and heavily damaged the barn roof. The roof of the silo was carried a half a mile before it was dropped in a neighbour's field. A tractor plow was thrown some 30 feet by the force of the storm.

Several trees along the road, and in nearby field were either uprooted or had limbs ripped off by the twister, completely blocking the road. A number of the trees in the farm windbreak were also blown down.

The storm, which lasted for only a couple of minutes lifted and disappeared after it hit the Sills property.