Confirmed Tornado
Field, Ontario
August 20, 1970

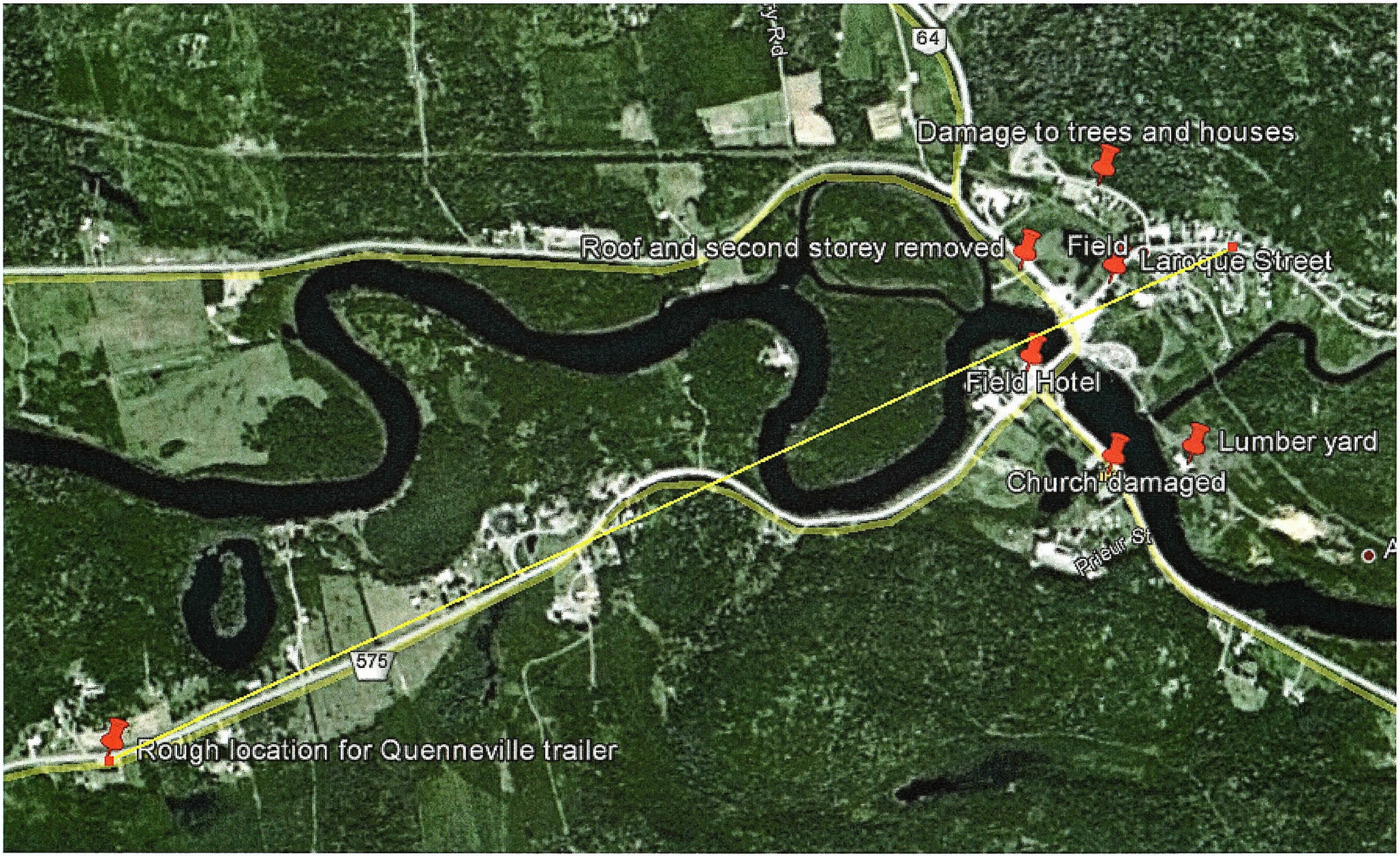
Date- Local: August 20th, 1970
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Time- Local: 0915
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Location: Field
Region: North Bay – West Nippising
Classification: Confirmed Tornado
Category: A
Casualties: 1
Track Length: 2500 m
Width: 500 m
Motion: 250
Damage Estimate: 0.5 Million
F-Scale Rating: F3
Code: AH
Damage Survey: Yes
Spotter Reports: None
Other Documents:

35-ft house trailer hurled 200 ft against a barn and then pushed an additional 500 ft killing Cordella Quenneville (location said to be a couple of km west of Field on 575), Field lumber planer building destroyed (just south of town), L'Église Notre-Dame-Des-Victoires had sections of roof removed and walls partially destroyed (just west of lumber planer), house belonging to Rachel Laird completely removed from foundation and destroyed (photo appears to show an empty basement and the remnants of the house tens of metres downwind - this could be F4 but not enough evidence)(location in the Desjardins/Laroque/Jarbeau area, and told that there were more houses removed from foundation but no evidence). Unconfirmed report that 1/2 of 600 homes in Field damaged beyond repair, ~400 left homeless. Time is based on reports that the damage in Field occurred about an hour after the damage in Sudbury. Injuries estimated based on media reports. Damage a rough estimate with some support from records. 500 m width based on distance between Jarbeau area and church/planer.

This track was part of the 280 km track originally appearing in the Gee and Findlay report, with the other two parts being the Elliot Lake track and the Lively – Sudbury track.

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Field track


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Damage to trees and houses
Roof and second storey removed
Field
Laroque Street
Field Hotel
Lumber yard
Church damaged
575
Rough location for Quenneville trailer